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COLONY'S NEW FOOD PRICE CONTROL ORDER: SLIGHT INCREASE AUTHORISED

SWEDISH NAVY ORDERED TO CONVOY

Stockholm, To-day.
The Commander-in-Chief of the Swedish Navy has ordered all Swedish merchantships not to move from Swedish waters before assembling for convoy.

The Swedish Navy is not exactly insignificant, for it includes 8 light battleships, 4 cruisers, 16 destroyers and 2 aircraft carriers.

While superior in several respects, the German Navy has only 5 light battleships and no aircraft carriers with the exception of two which are now being built.—Reuter.

TURKISH PARLEYS IN MOSCOW

Ankara, To-day.
The talks between Soviet Russia and Turkey are making progress in a friendly atmosphere, and will continue for several days, according to an official statement.

A message from Moscow says that M. Sarajoglu was received yesterday by Voroshiloff and Mikoyan, the Foreign Trade Commissar.—Reuter.

LITHUANIA DECIDES

Kaunas, To-day.
M. Urbys, the Foreign Minister, is leaving for Moscow again today after consultations with the Government.

The full Cabinet sat until late last night considering the Soviet proposals.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST—North East and East winds, moderate, cloudy, local showers probable.

FOOD PRICES IN THE COLONY are subject to a slight upward modification as the result of a new Order issued by the Food Controller, and published to-day in a "Government Gazette Extraordinary."

Principal effect is that the price of goods from Canada or foreign countries other than sterling countries may be increased by 15 per cent. over and above the price charged by the retailer on August 31.

The Order states:

1. In this order, "food" includes every article or substance used for food, or drink, other than drugs, and also every living thing capable of being consumed as food; "import" means to bring or cause to be brought into the Colony by land, air or water; "sell" means to sell by retail; "standard price" in relation to any food means the maximum retail price for the time being fixed by order by the Controller of Food.
2. No person shall sell or offer for sale any food at a price greater than the standard price.

RECEIPTS ON DEMAND

3. At the request of any person every retailer shall give a written receipt for the payment for any food sold by him to that person.
4. Except as otherwise expressly provided by any order of the Controller of Food:—
 - (a) the maximum retail price for food prepared for export in Canada or in any foreign country other than China or Macao shall, as respects any retailer, be fifteen per cent. above the price at which, on any date not later than 31st August, 1939, he last sold food of that description;

EMPIRE AND LOCAL

- (b) the maximum retail price for any food prepared for export in any part of the British Empire except Canada or Hong Kong shall, as respects any retailer, be ten per cent. above the price at which, on any date not later than 31st August, 1939, he last sold food of that description;
- (c) the maximum retail price for food produced in this Colony or imported from China or Macao shall, as respects any retailer, be the price at which, on any date not later than 31st August, 1939, he last sold food of that description.

5. The order of the Controller of Food published in the "Gazette" of 8th September, 1939, is rescinded.

JAPAN AND THE ANTI-RED PACT

London, To-day.

"Japan will forego the application of the anti-Comintern Pact in view of current developments," declared Admiral Nomura, the new Foreign Minister, says a German report quoted by Rome Radio. — Reuter.

MADAME PILSUDSKI ON FUTURE OF POLAND

London, To-day.

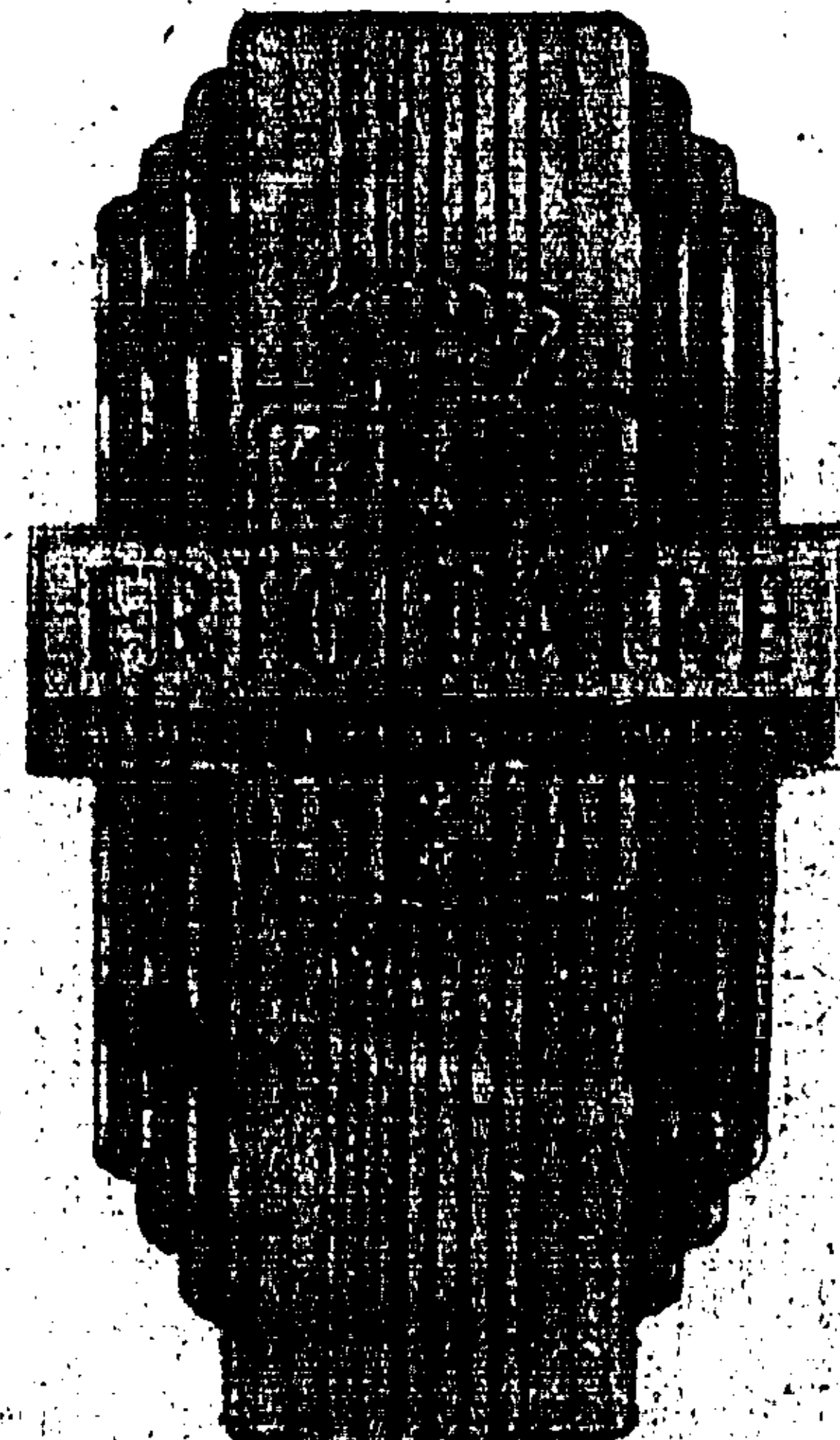
As long as there was a Polish woman alive, there would be Poles to fight for their country's freedom, said Madame Pilsudski, widow of the famous Polish General, who has arrived here from Poland.

She was proud of the way in which her country had acted, she said. When the hour came, the Poles fought to the last.

The Nazis, in their attack on Poland, aimed principally at civilians.

One of their first air-raids was on a suburb of Warsaw, and the first building to be hit was a hospital. The bombers came over at a height of a few hundred feet, in broad daylight, and there could be no question of any mistake.

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DOMINIONS TO SEND MINISTER TO LONDON PARLEY

London, To-day.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday, Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, announced that the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa were arranging to send a Cabinet Minister each to London for a conference as soon as was practicable.

Mr. Eden said that recently an enquiry was made of them whether they were ready to do this so that the contributions they could make might be co-ordinated. This suggestion was heartily welcomed.

The British Government was confident it would benefit greatly from the detailed knowledge it would gain of the problems and plans of the Dominions. It was also hoped that the Dominion Governments would be helped by the first hand impressions they would secure and by the information the Ministers would take back.

The meetings will take place as soon as possible and will not last long in order that the Ministers may take back as soon as possible their reports.

Asked by Major Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, whether Indian representatives might be asked to attend, Mr. Eden said that he would require notice of that question. It was not a question for him to answer.—Reuter.

CO-ORDINATING VIEWS

London, To-day.

A communique issued after Mr. Eden's statement in the Commons regarding the visit of Dominion Cabinet Ministers emphasized that the visit was for the sole purpose of co-ordinating their views.

There would be no departure from the well-recognized principle that responsibility for executive action rested with the individual government concerned.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICAN NOMINEE

Pretoria, To-day.

The Minister of Native Affairs will represent the Union of South Africa at the talks. He will make arrangements for the disposal of South African agricultural products and the early

POLES STILL RESIST

London, To-day.

The Germans now officially admit that the Poles are still fighting in the central part of the country.

Fighting took place on Tuesday between isolated Polish units and the Nazis between the former demarcation line and the present Soviet-Nazi frontier.

Hitler left Berlin last night for the Warsaw front, according to the Berlin correspondent of an Amsterdam paper. He will take part in what is called a "triumphal march" into Warsaw.—Reuter.

INDIAN CONGRESS DISCUSSIONS

London, To-day.

Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, yesterday again received the chairmen of the Congress of Parliamentary Committees.—Reuter.

supply of war materials—including guns, aeroplanes and munitions—required by the South African defence department.—Reuter.

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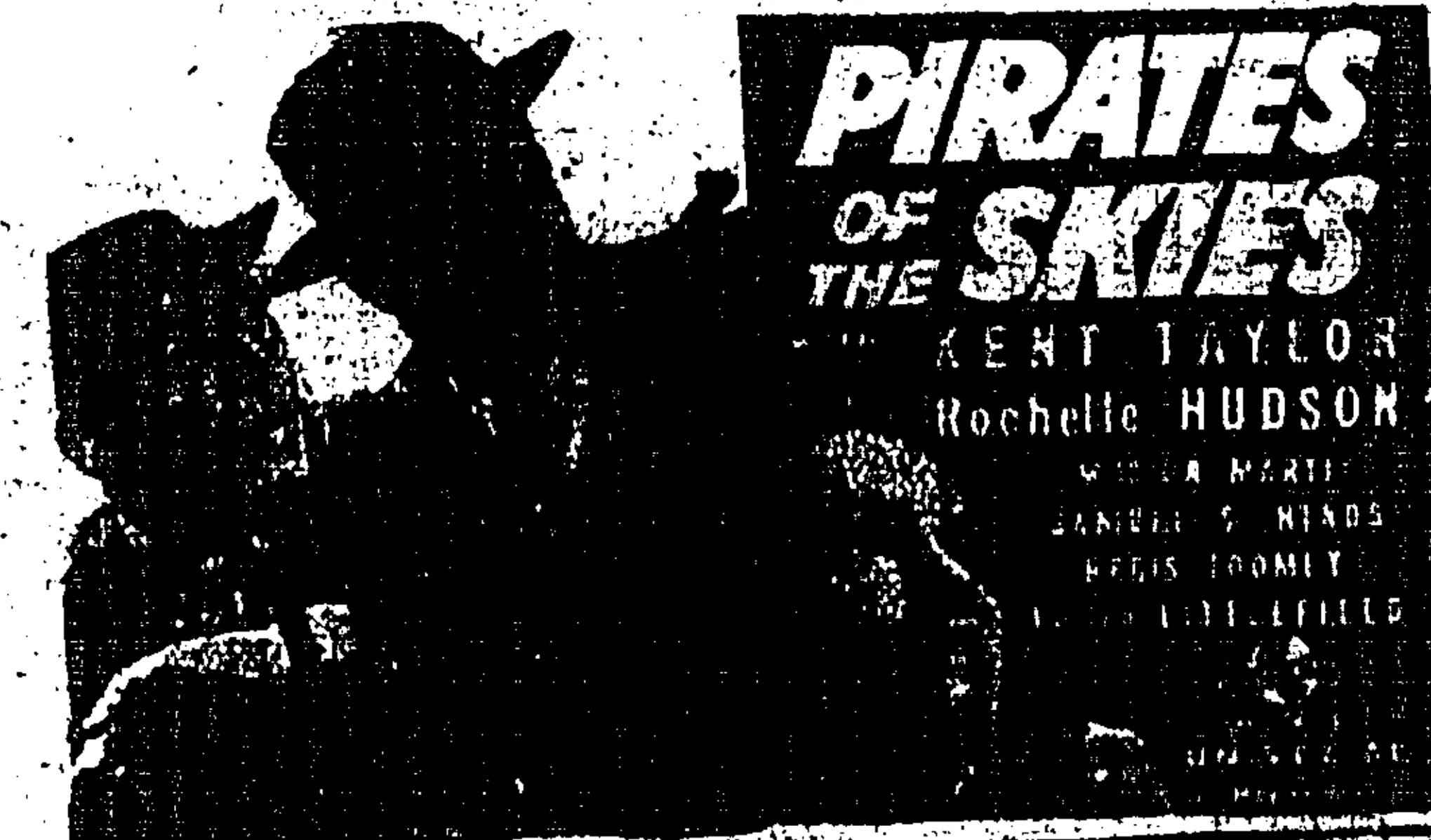
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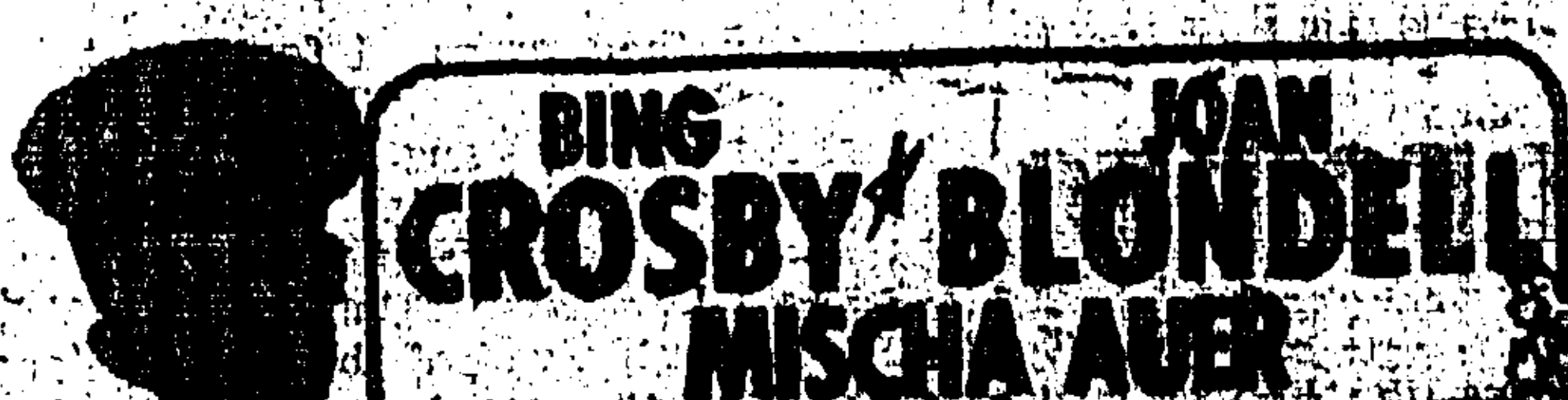
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'PATROLS, AMBUSHES' ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.
THE LATEST COMMUNIQUE reports "patrols and ambushes on various parts of the front." "The enemy attempted a raid south of Pirmasens which was repulsed." "One of our submarines captured and brought to port a German commercial vessel."—Reuter.

KARLSRUHE EVACUATED
Paris, To-day.
Yesterday morning's French war communique states briefly that the

HITLER'S GESTURE OF DESPAIR

London, To-day.
A neutral Continental newspaper columnist writes that it is ridiculous to speak of a Hitler-Stalin victory. Those who spoke of this should have been in London and Paris during the first few weeks of the war.

There was a remarkable calmness and spirit of self-sacrifice, an absence of bragging and hatred and Britain and France were obviously fully united.

A columnist of the "New York Post" sees in the pact with Soviet Russia a gesture of despair by Hitler. By that act, he put his heirlooms in pawn. What idiot could believe that Britain and France were responsible for this war? There are too many dead Poles to testify the other way.

A prominent Norwegian Bishop says that it is only necessary to remember the name of Pastor Niemöller to see that it is crystal clear what side they will take, not on political grounds but because of humanity and Christianity.—Reuter.

night was quiet. There was artillery fire on both sides south of Zweibrücken.

Other reports state that the French are still concentrating their attack on the important city of Saarbrücken. This and several other towns all the way from Metz (near the Luxemburg border) to the important city of Karlsruhe have now been completely evacuated by the Nazis. All these cities, with the exception of Saarbrücken itself, are well in German territory on the main Siegfried Line. This is the first time that Karlsruhe has been mentioned in this connection. Karlsruhe is a town of over 120,000 and an important manufacturing area.

The French press reports that the first batches of war correspondents have been sent off. Photographs of French troops in German territory are published for the first time.—Reuter.

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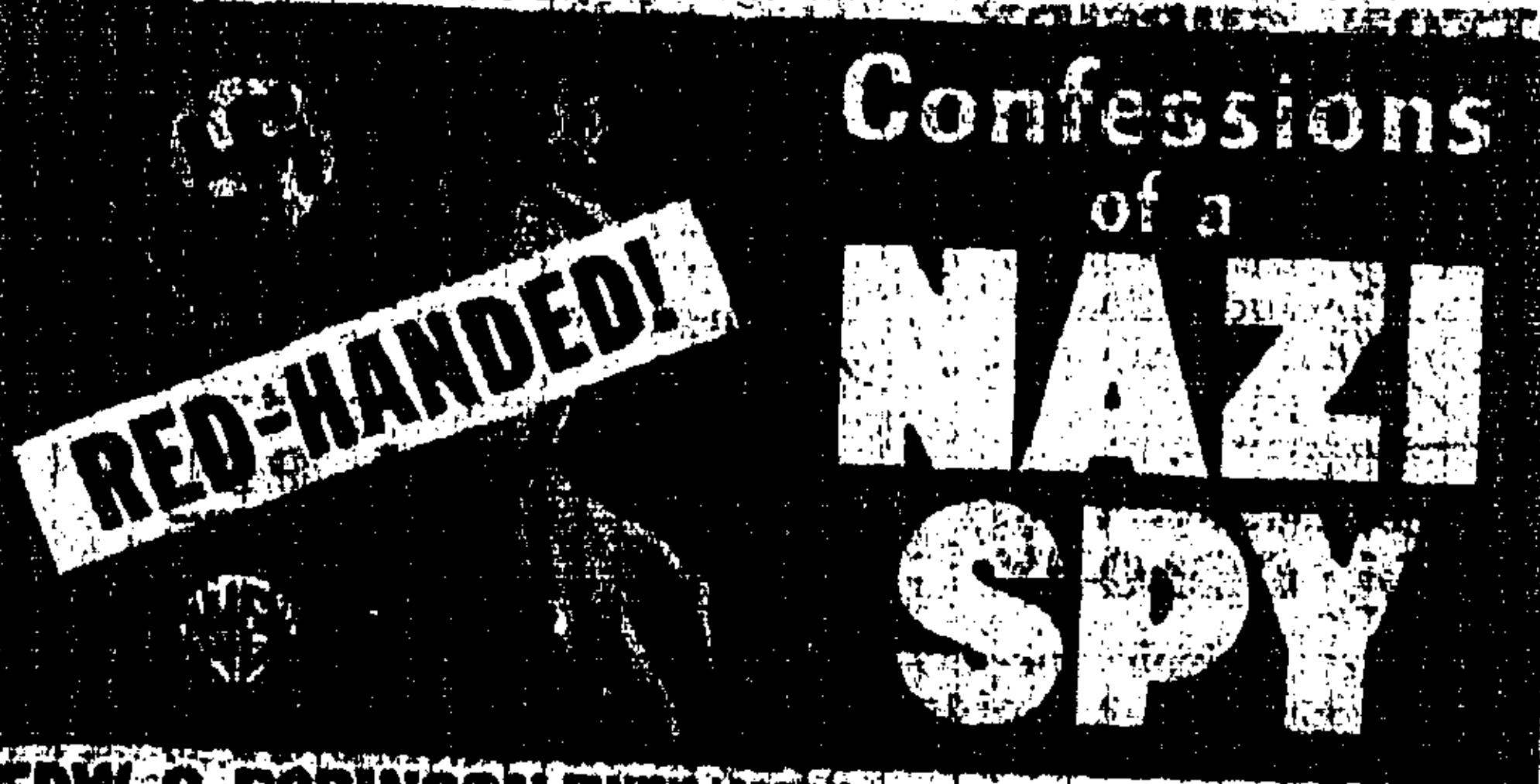
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BERLIN CLAIMS THAT SEVERAL LIGHT WARSHIPS ARE AT SEA

London, To-day.

The German campaign against neutral shipping was intensified yesterday and Berlin now claims that several light warships went to sea last week "to damage Britain economically."

Norway and Sweden have received a warning against what is called "suspicious actions" in British and French waters. They are taking what measures they can.

Norwegian ports have been closed to unauthorised persons and Sweden closed Gothenburg harbour yesterday to all except those with "special business."

— Reuter.

THE GERMAN SINK-ON-ANY- PRETEXT CAMPAIGN AGAINST NEUTRAL SHIPS

Copenhagen, To-day.

THE NAVAL COURT has examined the survivors of the Vendia, who one and all deny the German allegation that they either tried to escape or tried to ram the Nazi submarine.

The captain says that the ship was going in the same direction as the submarine and he stopped his engines immediately.

The captain of the Taxtos which was sunk last Friday, states that the U-boat commander told him that he had received orders to sink all ships with cargo for Britain.—Reuter.

FINNISH INCIDENT

London, To-day.

The sinking of a Finnish ship off Sweden, is the subject of a bulletin issued by the Ministry of Information.

It discloses that the Finnish captain received a written document from the U-boat commander in which the nature of the cargo was given as the reason for sinking his ship.

The Ministry of Information points out that the legal position is that nothing except urgent military necessity—that is to say, the safety of the would-be captor—can justify the sinking of a neutral ship.

In this case, there was absolutely no question of "military necessity" and the cargo of cellulose on board in no way affected the issue.—Reuter.

DISCRIMINATE

Stockholm, To-day.

Germany's campaign against neutral shipping continues unabated. Two more Swedish ships were seized off the Swedish coast in international waters on Tuesday and another yesterday.

One was bound for Norway with a cargo of Russian grain, another for the United States with a cargo of paper and wood pulp.

PIRATICAL ACTIVITY

On September 7, the official German news agency announced that the Reich had no intention of curtailing the economic sphere of neutral countries.

Since then, her piratical activities have covered not only Britain and France but also the neutral countries. Two ships bound for Belgium and one with cargo for Italy are among those seized.—Reuter.

COTTON SUBSIDY

New York, To-day.

Export sales of cotton under the subsidy programme during August and September totalled 2,420,000 bales. This does not include 690,000 in the Anglo-American cotton-rubber barter.—Reuter.

REGISTRATION IN KENYA COLONY

Nairobi, To-day.

The Kenya government has ordered the registration of all British Indians and Arabs between the ages of 18 and 45.—Reuter.

FRENCH CABINET MEETING

Paris, To-day.

Yesterday's meeting of the Council of Ministers lasted for two and a half hours.

An official communique states that M. Daladier, the Premier, made a long statement on the diplomatic and military situation.

The Minister of Blockade was given the task of carrying out economic warfare against the enemy. A new decree gives him power to take any necessary measures to prevent the enemy from getting provisions.

He will also collaborate with the Minister of Finance on the effects of the economic war on the movements of capital.

In all, seven decrees, including one covering the supply of wheat, were discussed.—Reuter.

GERMAN THREAT TO NEUTRALS

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

A DECLARATION THAT "TO CORRECT THE FALSE IDEA OF NEUTRAL SHIPOWNERS AND TO DAMAGE BRITAIN ECONOMICALLY, GERMAN LIGHT WARSHIPS WENT TO SEA LAST WEEK," IS MADE BY THE "DEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE-ZEITUNG" IN THE COURSE OF A WARNING TO NEUTRALS TRADING WITH BRITAIN.

After saying that the German contraband list was only extended as a reply to the British list, the paper declares that some neutral firms believed that Britain's sea-power could protect them and they took the war risk.

"Now a number of them must pay with the loss of ships and cargo."—Reuter.

FORMAL POLISH PROTESTS

Ankara, To-day.

The Polish Ambassador here has lodged a protest, similar to those lodged with other governments, against the Nazi-Soviet partition of Poland.—Reuter.

SOVIET DEMANDS OF LITHUANIA

Kaunas, To-day.

The Lithuanian Foreign Minister, M. Urbys, has returned from Moscow to report to the Cabinet on the Soviet proposals, the nature of which remains a secret.—Reuter.

QUARREL OVER RENT

"Although you acted in the heat of the moment, I have repeatedly warned against the use of weapons and I fine you \$10 or one month's hard labour," said Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning to Yeung Kam, 38, who was charged with assaulting Cheung Oi, a married woman.

It was stated that Yeung, an electrician, employed heavy scissors in attacking the woman when they had an argument over rent last night in their flat at No. 62, Portland Street.

The woman was bandaged when she appeared in Court.

Yeung was also placed on a \$10 to keep the peace for one year.

CHANGES AT MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

London, To-day.

REPLYING IN THE House of Lords to criticisms, Lord MacMillan explained in detail the changes made in the Ministry of Information.

He stated that as the result of the changes, instead of the 127 staff engaged in the press section, a much smaller staff would be required, for restricted work.

The censorship staff of 308 would also be removed from the control of the Ministry of Information.

He pointed out that censors worked 24 hours a day so that the effective strength was about 100.

Continuing, Lord MacMillan said: "It may be asked what are the activities for which the Ministry will continue to exist. These activities are of high value and importance."

UNATTRACTIVE WORD

They may be functions described by that unattractive word propaganda.

This war, in a special sense, is a war of ideas and it is essential that in season and out of season at home and abroad our cause should constantly be presented in a true light.—Reuter.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

A woman was charged with murder before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuting, said that defendant, Pang Yiu-wui, 40, was the "kit fat" wife of a Chinese merchant, Kan Cheong-siu. They were married 26 years ago somewhere in the Shek Lung district, and had a family of five children. About nine years ago, Kan took a concubine, Wan Hang-chung, the deceased, on his mother's instruction.

Kan came to Hong Kong with the concubine. A few months later, they were joined by Kan's mother, Ting Fan-yin, and defendant.

At a tea party some time ago, defendant threw a cup of tea at the deceased, and threatened to cause her death.

CRY IN THE NIGHT

On July 13, accused had an argument with her husband over some matter concerning the concubine, and that night, after all had gone to bed, defendant's mother-in-law was awakened by cries of "save life" at about 4 a.m. She then saw deceased on her camp bed, with both hands above her head, covered with blood, and screaming. Defendant was holding a piece of wood, striking deceased. An amah, I Sam, heard deceased crying out, "My hands have been cut off by Sam Sui Nai", another name for defendant.

An ambulance was summoned, and defendant was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, where she died a few minutes after admission.

A stained chopper was later found under the camp bed by defendant's daughter, and handed over to the Police.

STATEMENT TO POLICE

Defendant in a statement to the Police said: "It was I that cut her. She had kept my husband away for a long time. Do you think she deserved to be cut?"

Dr. Kho Pek-po, of Queen Mary Hospital, said that he examined Wan Hang-chung at about 9.45 a.m. on July 14. She was in a dying state. There were wounds on her face, and both forearms. The right forearm of Wan was tied with rag and Chinese medicine. She died as the result of excessive bleeding from the wounds.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITING FOR NAVY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SPEAKING ON RECRUITMENT IN THE ROYAL NAVY, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY, SAID YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS PROPOSED TO RELY ON THE PRESENT METHOD OF VOLUNTARY RECRUITMENT WHICH HAD PROVED SO SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST.

The number of men who took promotion from the lower deck would receive wider scope. The average was 15 a year at present; in war-time, this would be increased to 75 annually.—Reuter.

SOUTH AFRICA COASTAL DEFENCE

Johannesburg, To-day.
A sea-board defence corps is being formed in South Africa. The decision was taken just before the outbreak of the war. Three companies are being established under the Capetown, Eastern Provinces and Natal commands.—Reuter.

BRITISH SEIZURES

London, To-day.
In the week ended September 30 the British contraband control intercepted and detained about 33,999 tons of goods in respect to which there was evidence that they were contraband consigned to Germany.

The total included 8,600 tons of hematite ore, 6,700 tons of copra, 6,000 tons of phosphates, 2,300 tons of oil-seeds, 1,400 tons of fibres, 1,100 tons of oils and fats, 870 tons of cotton, 830 tons of copper ore, 800 tons of rubber, 600 tons of fodder, 599 tons of lead and a number of consignments of chemicals, foodstuffs, silk, wool, tanning materials, timber and hides and skins.

This brings the total quantity of cargoes intercepted during the first four weeks of war up to a total of 289,000 tons.—British Wireless.

JAPAN WITHDRAWS

Rome, To-day.
Rome Radio quotes the Japanese Domei Agency for a statement to the effect that Japan has withdrawn from the Anti-Comintern Pact.—Reuter.

TEMPER OF BRITAIN: HITLER NOT LESS A DANGER AFTER POLAND'S DESTRUCTION

London, To-day.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S declaration on Tuesday meets with the almost universal approval of the British press.

The "Daily Express" says that he voiced the temper of the nation, and asks: "Are we to accept assurances from the present German Government? No, thank you!"

The more conservative "Daily Telegraph" says that the leader of the German nation has branded himself as a man whose bond is as worthless as his word.

"The Times" says that responsibility for the war rests fairly and squarely on Hitler's shoulders.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that we cannot regard Germany as any less a danger because she has destroyed another of her neighbours.

The "Daily Herald" says that Hitler may still be hoping to sway neutral opinion—particularly in the United States—that he is not responsible for the war.

If that is so, he is going to be disappointed, if the leading American newspapers form a criterion.

The "New York Herald Tribune" says that American sentiment will stand strongly behind Mr. Chamberlain and his patient explanation of the Allied aims. The paper asks how Americans can waste a month or more in a complicated debate on the arms embargo? "We can see Dr. Goebbels smile contemptuously at such nonsense."

DEMOCRACY FUNCTIONING

The "New York Times" comments on Lloyd George's reference to not turning down peace proposals too hurriedly, his repudiation of any idea of surrender, and of the accusations of some members that his speech

might be misrepresented abroad. The "New York Times" says that here is another proof that democracy is still functioning in England.

FRENCH ANSWER

The French papers suggest that M. Daladier, the French Premier, will soon give France's answer to Hitler.

As might be expected, the German wireless gave less than 100 words to Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

Several of the more important Rome papers give it several columns. There is no editorial comment, but Rome correspondents continue to report a strong feeling in Italy in favour of neutrality.—Reuter.

HEARTY APPROVAL IN THE FRENCH NEWSPAPERS

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister's Commons statement was heartily approved by the French press yesterday morning.

Reports of the speech held first place in all newspapers.

"Oeuvre" says: "Mr. Chamberlain pronounced firm and precise words which expressed the considered attitude of the British people—to hold out until that threatened liberty shall be saved and when peace shall no longer be at Hitler's mercy."

"Pertinax", writing in the nationalist "Oeuvre", declared: "Nazi diplomats can no longer have any doubts as to the fate reserved for their 'offer'."

"Petit Parisien" says: "Mr. Chamberlain replied with a strength and clearness that leaves no room for ambiguity."

If Messrs Hitler and Stalin, Ribbentrop and Molotov had any illusion that their joint declaration might shake the firmness of the French and British solidarity, that illusion must now be totally shattered.—British Wireless.

BOTH LEGAL AND DESIRABLE

Washington, To-day.

In a broadcast from Washington, Senator Norris, who voted against the entry of the United States into the last war, urged the repeal of the arms embargo.

"Our sympathies, our hopes and our prayers are all with the British and French Governments in this conflict," he said.

If the repeal would favour the Allies, it was fortunate that the United States could legally take a course which would keep them out of the war and at the same time put them on the side of humanity and civilization.

If the arms embargo was not repealed, the United States' attitude would favour Hitler.—Reuter.

LATVIANS TO CONSULT

RIGA, TO-DAY.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT OF LATVIA IS NOW ON HIS WAY TO MOSCOW TO JOIN THE LATVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

On Tuesday night, Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, interviewed both the Latvian and Lithuanian Foreign Ministers.

The Turkish Foreign Minister has not yet resumed his talks.—Reuter.

IGNORED WARNINGS

Singapore, To-day.

All members of the crew of the Norwegian ship Hoegh Trad Porter, 4,914 tons, which sank here after hitting a mine as she entered the harbour, were rescued.

Nine, however, were taken to hospital.

It is officially stated that she did not obey the signals of a naval patrol boat.—Reuter.

FRANCO-BRITISH SOLIDARITY AS CLOSE AS EVER

Paris, To-day.

FRANCO-BRITISH SOLIDARITY whether military, financial or economic remains as close as ever, it was reiterated in responsible circles following yesterday morning's Cabinet meeting.

The French reply to any offers of peace, coming from whatever quarter, will be similar to that of Britain, whose determination to follow the path she has chosen is regarded here as having been defined by Mr. Chamberlain on Tuesday.

While there is no official indication of the nature of the Premier, M. Daladier's statement to the Cabinet, it is understood that he stressed Mr. Chamberlain's pronouncement regarding the British Government's attitude towards any peace offer.

While the communique issued after the meeting gives no indication of the position assumed by the French Government, it goes without saying that a common attitude will be adopted if such an offer is made.—Reuter.

U.S. ARMY ORDERS BIG TANKS

Washington, To-day.

According to the "New York Times," the United States Army has ordered 525 new 12-ton tanks at a cost of nearly \$6,000,000. The paper says that the Army is speeding up the mechanization of its ground forces.—Reuter.



Survivors of the aircraft carrier, Courageous, sunk by a German U-boat were immediately allowed to go to their homes after being fitted up with new uniforms at the depot. Photo shows Chief Petty Officer McCarthy, one of the rescued crew, with his wife at his home at Oak, Monmouthshire. (By Air Mail. Copyright).

Mussolini Refuses To Sponsor Hitler Peace Plan

Rome, To-day.
THE NEWSPAPERS "Messagero" and "Popolo di Roma" devote several columns to yesterday's Commons debate but there is no word of editorial comment.

Italian circles, while noting Mr. Chamberlain's statement that peace overtures would be carefully examined, consider that Mr. Chamberlain endorsed the vigorous attitude shown by Mr. Winston Churchill and the general feeling is that the end of the war is not in sight.

The Italians believe that should the war continue, Italy's position as a neutral would not be affected.

Newspaper readers are struck by the absence of streamer press headlines following the Ciano-Hitler talks, and have drawn the conclusion that whatever proposals were set forth in Berlin, they are not such that Italy could make them wholly her own.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

London, To-day.
The report from Berlin that Italy is not taking the peace initiative is confirmed from Rome in an official Italian agency statement.

The statement says: "Several British newspapers have reported that Il Duce is considering a peace conference plan. This news has no foundation. 'In the present state of affairs Italy will not take an initiative of such a nature.'

LONDON WELL PLEASED

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, commenting on this development, says great importance is attached to the statement among well-informed quarters in London.

Coupled with the fact that no communique was issued after the visit of Count Ciano to Berlin, it is interpreted as indicating that Il Duce has refused to sponsor Hitler's peace plan.

This is especially significant since Mr. Chamberlain stated on Tuesday that he would examine the text of any proposals in the light of conditions he had previously laid down.

IL DUCE NOT READY TO SPONSOR TERMS

Obviously the German proposals have not satisfied those terms, and Mussolini is not accepting the responsibility for furthering them.

The absence of a communique following Count Ciano's visit to Berlin is probably explained by the fact that it would only be published in the event of Il Duce agreeing to the German proposals. It is most unusual for there to be no communique after such an official visit.—Reuter.

NO INITIATIVE OF ANY KIND

Rome, To-day.
Reports that Mussolini is considering plans for calling a peace conference are officially denied.

In the present state of affairs, it is stated, Italy will take no initiative of any kind.—Reuter.

GEN. ORBAY SEES C.I.G.S.

London, To-day.
General Orbay, leader of the Turkish Mission to England, saw General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, at the War Office yesterday afternoon.

Discussions with representatives of the British Government continued until yesterday evening.—Reuter.

OLD CRIMES ALLEGED

Two Chinese, described as 'long-wanted' in connection with robberies in Yaumati district, were before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning.

Accused, Au Shu, 28, and Pang Shum, 27, were alleged to have, on February 8, robbed Cheung Lalwah, of a quantity of jewellery at No. 5, Jordan Road; and to have, on March 6, robbed Leung Ho and Chan Kwei of \$20 and jewellery at No. 640, Nathan Road.

They were both remanded for 48 hours at the request of the prosecution.

NEW PRESIDENT OF POLAND

BRITAIN'S RECOGNITION

London, To-day.

The British Government have recognised M. Raczkiewicz as President of Poland.

The Ministry of Information states that following the recognition of the new president by all former members of the Polish Government, the Polish Ambassador to London informed His Majesty's Government that M. Moscicki had resigned and his functions would be assumed by M. Raczkiewicz.

His Majesty's Government acknowledged the communication and had thus given recognition of M. Raczkiewicz as President of the Republic of Poland.—Reuter.

BOMBER SHOT DOWN

Hengyang, To-day.

One of a squadron of 16 Japanese aircraft which bombed Hengyang, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, was shot down by Chinese anti-aircraft batteries yesterday. The machine crashed in flames near Luiki.—Central News.

SENATE BATTLE ON NEUTRALITY

Washington, To-day.

The Senate debate on the Neutrality Bill was resumed yesterday.

Senator Bill Johnson introduced a resolution requesting President Roosevelt to join other neutrals in urging an immediate armistice in Europe.

Senator Connally, who is opposed to the Administration on various domestic issues, supported the neutrality proposals, declaring that Germany would soon be sinking American merchantmen unless the arms embargo was repealed and American shipping restricted.

HABIT-FORMING

Senator Vandenburg opposed the repeal of the embargo as a deliberately unneutral act which might too easily be the forerunner of others once the habit was formed.

"It is a treacherous doctrine that we can do a lot of things short of war to help our favourites, as though we might be successfully half in war and yet safely stay out."—Reuter.

GAOL FOR YOUTHS

Two youths, Chan Yau, 19, and Li Wing, 24, who admitted dumping two bicycles, hired from a shop, into the Harbour at a friend's request, were this morning sentenced to one month's hard labour and ordered to pay \$25 compensation, or serve another month, by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon.



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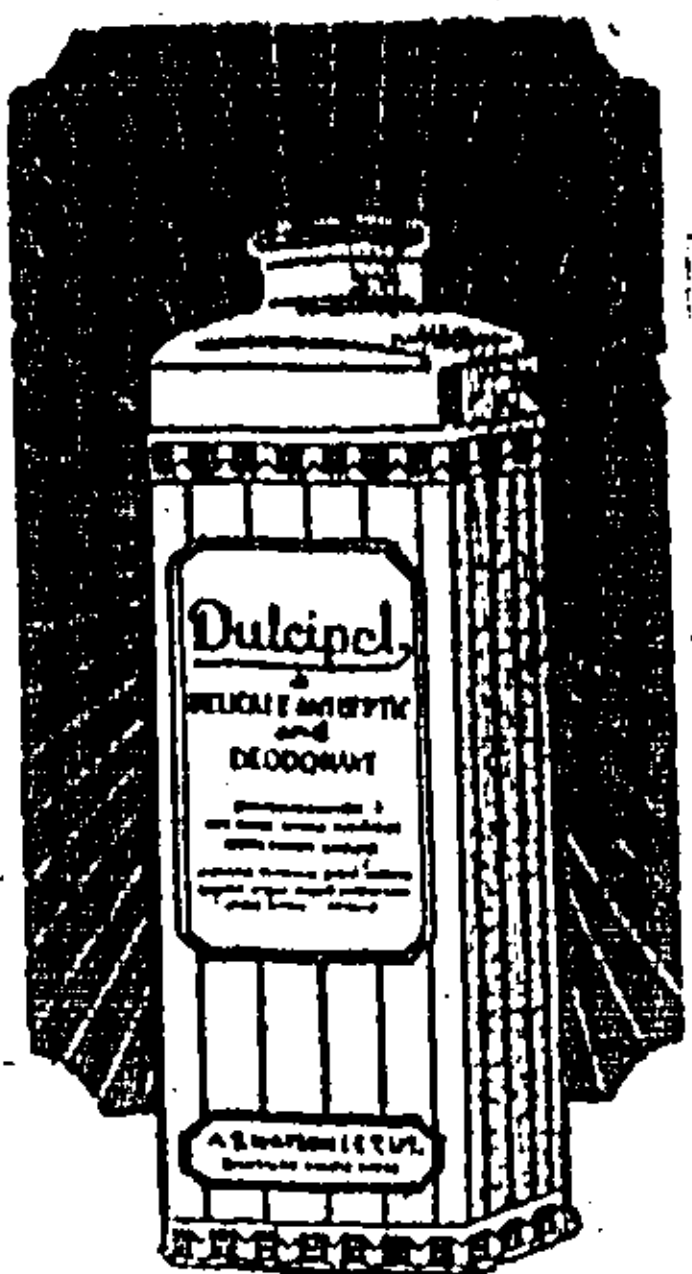
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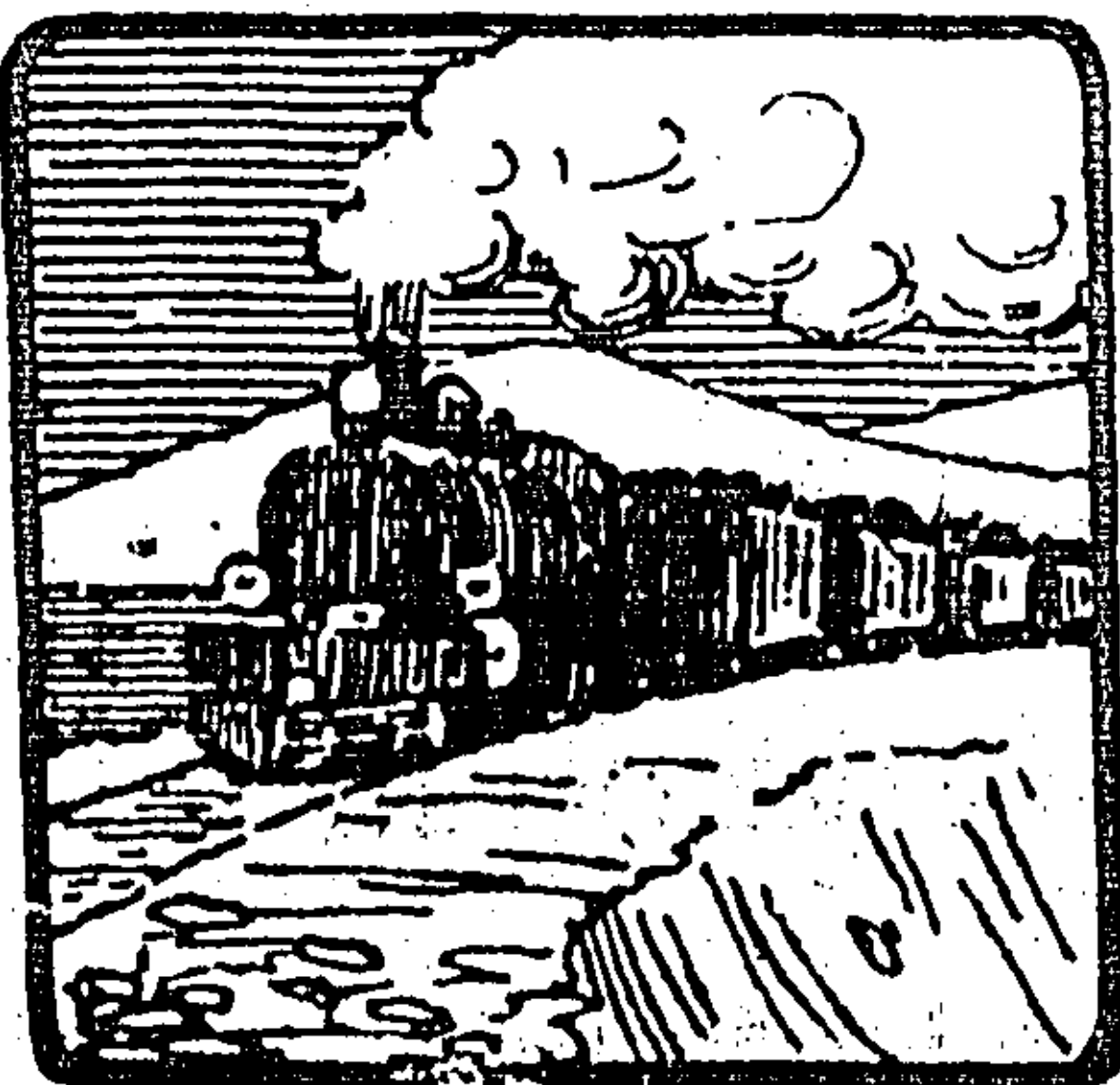
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

ENDING THE WAR

Every indication is that the strategy of the Hitler-directed Nazi armies is to conquer Poland and then try to dodge the general war which the move against Poland started. However, it is inconceivable that Great Britain and France should entertain peace offers predicated on a Reich which includes Danzig, the Polish corridor and the bomb-shattered parts of Poland over which the German war machine has advanced.

As a rule the aggressor gains an initial advantage. The act of aggression generally carries such an advantage. The invasion of Poland was an act of aggression, but in committing that act the Nazi armies gained control of territory. When Britain and France foresaw the danger of this act they also must have seen the prospect that it would give the aggressors an initial advantage, control of all the territory that could be grabbed before British and French armies could get in position to strike on the western front. It is clear that the initial advantage for the invading armies was foreseen, and since there was no way to prevent that blow the defence was planned in the form of a drive on another front. We are certain that London and Paris foresaw not only this phase of the struggle but also succeeding phases before they warned Germany and promised support to Poland.—"Manila Bulletin."

SINO-JAPANESE PEACE

The only way whereby Japan and China can terminate their war is through the regular diplomatic channel of negotiations. That in effect is the theme which runs through Dr. Wang's interview, and it is from this theme that he developed the suggestion that the United States is in a favourable position to facilitate the return of peace in the Orient. In this connection, it may well be remembered that the Chinese Foreign Minister made it quite clear that before peace negotiations — or any other kinds of negotiations — are possible, there must be a willingness on the part of Japan to treat China as an independent nation and not as a colony of puppets.

The suggestion made by Dr. Wang that President Roosevelt and the United States Government are favourably placed to act as mediators is a logical one. As an advocate of peaceful settlement of international problems through the orderly process of diplomatic negotiations, the United States is eminently qualified to be an impartial arbiter in the Orient. The fact that the United States is not likely to bring her own axe to grind to such peace negotiations will enhance confidence in Washington on the part of both Japan and China.

But before the United States can act as a mediator, before there is any useful purpose to talk and think about Sino-Japanese peace, there must, we repeat, be a willingness on the part of Japan to come to the conference room without her war para-

phernalia and with a readiness to meet China on an equal footing.—"China Press."

UPROOTED LIVES

The uprooted lives of the evacuated populations make a great problem which will only be solved by hard co-operative work between the local authorities and the various social bodies under the council. It is easy to foresee certain cases of distress and bewilderment, and one of the most useful things the council is doing is the establishment of "centres of advice and help in every area where they may be needed." Some confusions will arise, but they must be quickly overcome, for a country at modern war must be well ordered, with the minds of its civilian people as much at rest as can be.—"Manchester Guards."

FOOTBALL AGAIN

The Home Office and the Football Association have agreed that football, on a semi-league basis, should be resumed in England. This is a wise decision, for in a period of National crisis when the maintenance of national moral and a re-invigoration of spirit are necessary to fortify the country for the trial ahead it would be detrimental to interfere too seriously with those outlets of sporting rivalry which make the British people what they are. On the outbreak of war it was easy to believe, in view of threats of intensive German bombing and other activities to undermine the basic existence of the nation, would be a precaution to forbid gatherings of crowds at sporting events, or dissipate energy on activities unrelated to the mobilisation of national forces in the great task to which the country is committed.

HITLER PATHOLOGICAL

Mystic and quarterback: The men around Hitler, a former Nazi higher-up once told me, talk of his "somnambulistic sureness." The somnambulism comes from his hours of self-communion on the next step to be taken in making great Germany greater, i.e., bigger. For days his lieutenants may have been wrestling with a step in that direction, and then, just as they have got to the memorandum stage, in walks the re-awakened Fuehrer with his own full-blown conception. The sureness arises from the success which has attended all the plans which Hitler has evolved to date. And nothing has hitherto succeeded like excess, so that there are seemingly no external restraints upon even his most megalomaniacal fancies. — H. B. Elliston.

However, while the process of co-ordinating and operating the defence forces represents the major job of the Government and its officers, equally important is it to maintain that spirit of imperturbability at home which will enable the ordinary organisation of social life to continue. It would be exerting a purposeless, and unnecessary restraint to abolish such a national manifestation as the popular game—football. There are other sports which appeal to the public but none is so national as football, which attracts its millions every Saturday afternoon.

Under the new scheme, there will be regional competitions arranged geographically so that teams will not have to travel too far in carrying out their engagements. Hitherto, there have been a series of "friendly" matches which meant nothing in the assessment of comparative merit. Without some sort of regional rivalry, much of the interest in the game is lost, and there are no days to submit a sport-loving people like the British to the regimented and state-supervised restrictions of a country like Germany, which so shackles its people to the military machine that normal impulses and desires are slavishly subordinated to the whim of one man.—"North China Daily News."

NO PEACE WITH HITLER POSSIBLE

London, To-day.

OPENING A DEBATE in the House of Lords on the Premier's statement on the war situation, the Labour leader, Lord Snell, referred to the peace feelers.

"We are bound to see to it," he said, "that when peace comes, it is a real peace, and not a truce during which anybody who wished could rearm himself and prepare for new acts of aggression."

"We have no reason, unhappily, to suppose that Nazi Germany has in the least degree changed its mind and its purpose (hear, hear)."

"It remains to-day what it has been—the scourge of the modern world."

"These peace feelers are so characteristic of Nazi Germany to-day; that its trumpeted ruthlessness should even be associated with feelers towards peace negotiations."

"Nazi Germany wants peace or it does not; but if it does it surely is bad psychology to present it with a velvet glove on one hand and a loaded pistol in the other."

"Germany has lots of brains but no understanding and cannot comprehend why other nations are disgusted."

CARE NEEDED

"We have to be careful in dealing with this matter for a return to status quo will not be a return to peace."

"We do not want to continue to live under the strain and apprehension that we have during the last few years (loud cheers), but I hope that the Government will never refuse to listen to what looks like a real proposal for the restoration of the peace of the world, taking care only that it is a real and not a false peace when it comes."

GO ON AND FINISH

Lord Samuel said that we should all rejoice if the war ended in a month but if the ending was such as to leave the situation no better than before, but worse, with peoples subjected to continuous strain, with international treaties far worthless than before, and with further wars ever impending, that respite would be at far too high a price.

Lord Samuel continued: "I believe the British nation, with the French, feel that now we are in we must go on and finish."

NO PEACE WITH HITLER

The Archbishop of York said that while there could be no peace with Hitler there could be and we desired that there should be peace with Germany honourable to that great people.

We should pave the way to new and positive organisation of peace in Europe so that our young men should have the inspiration of knowing that they are not only extirpating the menace from the life of Europe but in a real sense were looking to the future saving of civilisation.

LORD HALIFAX REPLIES

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Minister, replying to the debate said that he was quite certain that we had as much confidence in France as France had in us and on no point that he was aware of during recent weeks, months and indeed years, had we made any decision or pronouncement, nor were we in the least likely to do so, without the fullest consultation and exchange of views with the French Government.

Referring to Russia, Lord Halifax said that we would certainly always be glad to see friendly relations maintained between those two great neighbours, Russia and Turkey, which need not in any way conflict with the closest relations between ourselves and Turkey and Turkey and France.

FIGHTING EVIL

Lord Halifax, after declaring that the things we were fighting were evil said that there could be no hope for the world or the free life of nations until the lesson was learned that that way will not be tolerated.

He said with regard to the possibility of peace proposals, that he was not in a position to anticipate what nature any such proposals if made would be.

"Proposals for peace, whatever their nature, will be considered with reference to three circumstances."

Firstly to the conditions in which they are offered; secondly to the Government by which they were put forward; and thirdly to the security that might be held to attach to any agreement which might conceivably be reached.

THREATS

With regard to conditions, there was no more perilous proceeding than negotiation under a threat of force. Certainly neither this country nor France would be moved by threats to surrender our principles.

With regard to the Government of Germany we have very bitter experience of its character and methods with regard to assurances for the future.

We have seen these rulers of Germany repudiate successive international documents which they had signed and reverse the most fundamental principles of their policy which they had for long years most vehemently proclaimed.

If therefore, instead of threats they sought to satisfy us with assurances, it will be necessary to say that assurances from the present German Government are not enough.

VIOLENCE ASIDE

If and when we receive the proposals we shall certainly examine them against the principles for which we have taken up arms.

Once violence and bad faith are laid aside we shall be ready and anxious to join hands with others, including Germany, in work of real world reconstruction.

SENSE OF SECURITY

We have repeatedly stated our willingness to make our own contribution to this end but it is impossible to begin to make any progress to that end unless there is security and unless nations can be released from the perpetual fear of attack by Germany and the necessity for huge armaments for their defence.

Our first duty remains that of securing conditions under which the rule of violence no longer operates, and under which the pledged word of governments might again be held worthy of honourable trust.—Reuter.

STATEMENT NOT RULED OUT

Lord Halifax did not rule out the suggestion that it might be possible and desirable to take the opportunity for some reasoned statement of the position adopted by Britain.

Speaking of the "heroic and gallant resistance of the Polish forces," Lord Halifax said it would be an inspiration to the Poles to regain their independence, temporarily lost, and to all other people.

Going on to refer to the fact that the Polish Government had been re-established on French soil, he observed: "We will of course recognise as legal the Polish Government so established and have no doubt that the Government will continue to preserve intact the spirit of Polish independence and Polish resistance.—British Wireless."

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The instruction will consist of
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(e) Methods of gas-proofing a room.
(f) Points to be considered in the selection of a Refuge Room.
(g) Methods of sandbagging walls, and the various thicknesses of materials required to keep out splinters.
(h) Methods of controlling incendiary Bombs, and use of fire fighting equipment.
(i) The fitting and care of respirators.
(j) Practical demonstrations.

It is considered that the whole of the above instruction could be given in a series of eight lectures, each lecture lasting approximately one hour.

I feel that such a course as indicated above would be of great benefit not only to the boys, but to individual householders, and I sincerely hope that employers will co-operate with me and permit their boys to attend the lectures.

Should the general public respond to this suggestion, I will gladly extend these courses of lectures to other districts, and I would be grateful for any suggestions.

NEW TAXES IN DENMARK

Copenhagen, To-day.
The proposed new taxes are expected to raise £4,000,000 or more.

Income tax will be increased from 15 per cent to 40 per cent, while cigars, cigarettes, beer and schnapps will all cost more.—Reuter.

SHIP'S CREW DEMAND HIGHER PAY

REPORTS THAT THE ENTIRE CHINESE CREW OF THE S.S. HELEN MOLLER ARE ON STRIKE ON DEMANDING THAT THEIR WAGES BE PAID IN HONG KONG CURRENCY WERE OFFICIALLY DENIED BY THE LOCAL AGENTS THIS MORNING WHEN INTERVIEWED BY THE "CHINA MAIL".

The agents, however, admitted that the crew of 48 Shanghai Chinese, had been replaced by local seamen who were signed on this morning.

The explanation given was that the employment of Cantonese seamen cost about 100 per cent less than "the unreasonable demands" of the Shanghai seamen, and that they were more satisfactory than Shanghai men on long voyages.

Coincidentally, the articles, which are subject to renewal every six months, expired two days before the Helen Moller reached Hong Kong and the Shanghai crew were not re-engaged.

The agents pointed out that similar action was taken three weeks ago on the arrival of the Jean Moller.

The Shanghai seamen are being repatriated to Shanghai.

THE NEEDS AND TRADE OF NEUTRALS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
IN CONNEXION WITH THE REFERENCES IN THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE'S BROADCAST TO THE DESIRE OF THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES TO SHOW EVERY CONSIDERATION IN THE EXERCISE OF THE CONTRABAND CONTROL FOR THE NEEDS AND TRADE OF NEUTRALS, SPECIAL INTEREST ATTACHES TO AN ANSWER HE GAVE IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

He was asked what British ships laden with animal feeding-stuffs for foreign ports had been allowed since the war to continue to their destination, and in view of the shortage of these commodities in England, why were such cargoes not diverted here?

Mr. Cross replied by giving the names of eight British ships having on board feeding-stuffs, excluding

YANKEES WIN THE FIRST LEG

New York, To-day.

At the Yankee Stadium last night, the New York Yankees defeated the Cincinnati Reds in the first game of the World Series by 2 runs to 1.—Reuter.

wheat, which had been allowed to proceed to their destination in neutral countries, and added: "I would remind the House that it is not the policy of His Majesty's Government to seize cargoes regarding which there is no evidence of enemy destination. No question therefore arises of interfering with cargoes destined for the internal consumption of neutral countries."—British Wireless.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



AN ALLIANCE THAT ENDURES

THE recent visit of President Carmona to South Africa, and the solemn public reaffirmation of the validity of the Anglo-Portuguese alliance by the leading statesmen of both countries, together with the enviable stability of Portugal in a shifting world, have all served to attract attention lately to the culture, history, and politics of one of the most beautiful, but least known countries in Europe. Even so, few of the increasing number of British visitors to Portugal are aware of the true fascination and friendliness of the country and its people, which can best be appreciated by those who venture into the provincial districts beyond the hotels of Lisbon and other tourist resorts. Well-built motoring roads traverse a countryside where conditions of almost Biblical simplicity, and a sturdy unspoiled peasantry, have remained virtually unchanged in appearance for centuries. Rich and varied natural scenery, ancient castles and walled towns rivaling those of Italy or France, and numerous living evidences of a singularly colourful folk-lore, all combine to make Portugal one of the most delightful countries in which to spend a holiday, and to which the low cost of living and natural hospitality of the people form added attractions.

"Once too in Arcady dwelt I," is a line that must have recurred to many travellers on leaving this enchanting land,—whether they leave behind them the purple moorlands of the north, the fertile green fields of Minho, or the warm golden sands of southern Algarve.

Yet beautiful as is the scenery in Portugal, stirring and eventful as is her history, and strong and deep-rooted as are the political and economic ties which bind the world's two oldest allies, it must be confessed that to the vast majority of Britons, the Anglo-Portuguese alliance is nothing more than a name. The ordinarily well-informed person, if asked what he or she knew about Portugal, would probably reply something like "Oh! Vasco da Gama; Catherine of Braganza; the Methuen Treaty and the taste for Port; the Marquis of Pombal and the Lisbon earthquake; the battle of Bussaco and Peninsular War."

If asked what they know about Macao, the reply would probably be even less satisfying and confined to a few remarks about racing, fan-tan and opium. Yet such impressions are as unjust as they are superficial, and betray a want of understanding for the problems of other nations, which has always been one of our greatest defects.

It is in some ways rather curious that there should be so little familiarity with the history and actual condition of Portugal and her colonies; because there is no state in Europe with which our relations have been on the whole so continuously intimate and friendly; nor any colonial Power of which we have less reason to be jealous. Any visitor to the English cemeteries at Lisbon and Oporto will realise what a number of British families have passed their lives on Portuguese soil; and a visit to the old Protestant graveyard at Macao will show to what extent our countrymen formed part and parcel of that community before the acquisition of Hong Kong.

There is however less excuse or a continuation of this attitude in future, since the world's attention is now being attracted to Portugal by the extensive preparations being made for the celebration of the "double centenary" of the Portuguese nation at Lisbon next year. Not even the present war is likely to prevent—though it may of course modify—the scale of these lavish celebrations, which will last from May till December and have been inspired

by the dynamic energy of Dr. Salazar. The first of the two anniversaries concerned is that commemorating the birth of Portugal eight centuries ago, when her first King, Dom Afonso Henriques, proclaimed his independence at the picturesque Castle of Guimaraes (still standing today) in 1140. The second anniversary recalls the nation's rebirth five centuries later, when the Duke of Braganza ended the sixty years Spanish rule, by proclaiming himself King John IV of an independent Portugal, on the 1st December 1640. Britain, as Portugal's oldest ally, may claim as indirect association with both events. English crusaders took a prominent part in the capture (and historical candour compels us to add a major share in the plunder) of Lisbon, when that city was wrested from the Moors by Afonso Henriques, seven years after his assumption of sovereignty; whilst Bombay came to us as part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza, the daughter of King John IV, and who was married to Charles II in order to secure English support against Spain.

By A Friend Of Portugal

Charles II's shabby treatment of his unfortunate bride is a matter of common knowledge, and the impartial historian must fain admit that England, as the stronger partner in the alliance, has occasionally treated her ally in a manner recalling that of her able but unprincipled monarch. But it must be likewise admitted that this alliance has stood the test of time as has no other such agreements in this changing world. Nor need this be wondered at, for the Anglo-Portuguese Alliance is an expression of a geographical and historical imperative, today as much as in the 14th century when it was first concluded.

Five centuries have set their seal on it, and are the best proof of the reality of the common interests at stake. The Alliance is thus the outcome of geographical position and of the constant values of History, and thus has victoriously resisted the action of Time, which only destroys what is perishable or provisional.

Com todo o Mundo guerra, mas Paz com a Inglaterra.—"War with all the world, but peace with England," is an old Portuguese proverb which has its counterpart in the 15th century English verse,

"Portingallers with us have troth in hand

Whose marchandise cometh much into England.

They are our friends with their commodities,

And we English passen into their countries."

The validity of this long-standing friendship has been recently stressed on the Portuguese side by Dr. Salazar when he publically stated "I believe that it is as important to keep the obligations of the Alliance faithfully, as to prevent it (for the honour and interest of both parties) from ever being corrupted or debased." Two days later Mr. Chamberlain in the course of gratefully acknowledging the Portuguese statesman's declaration, told the House of Commons that "His Majesty's Government for their part unhesitatingly reaffirm their determination to fulfill their obligations under this alliance, which will continue to be a potent instrument in the service of world peace."

There are many reasons why these sincere and unequivocal sentiments should evoke an equally cordial echo in the sister colonies of Macao and Hong-Kong. It is therefore only appropriate that the Crown Colony should salute our friendly neighbour on this, the Portuguese National Day, and extend to its own loyal and influential Portuguese community, its best wishes for the continued prosperity of both Portugal and Macao.

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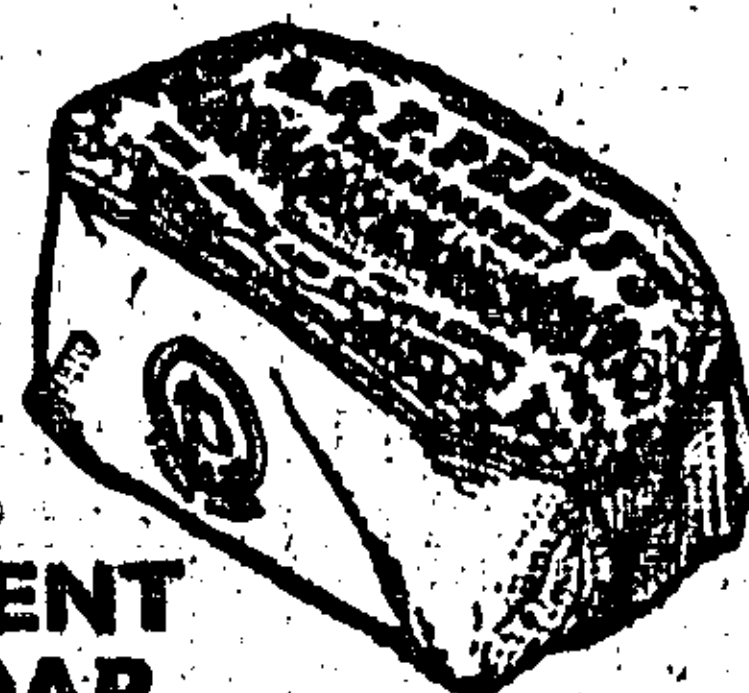
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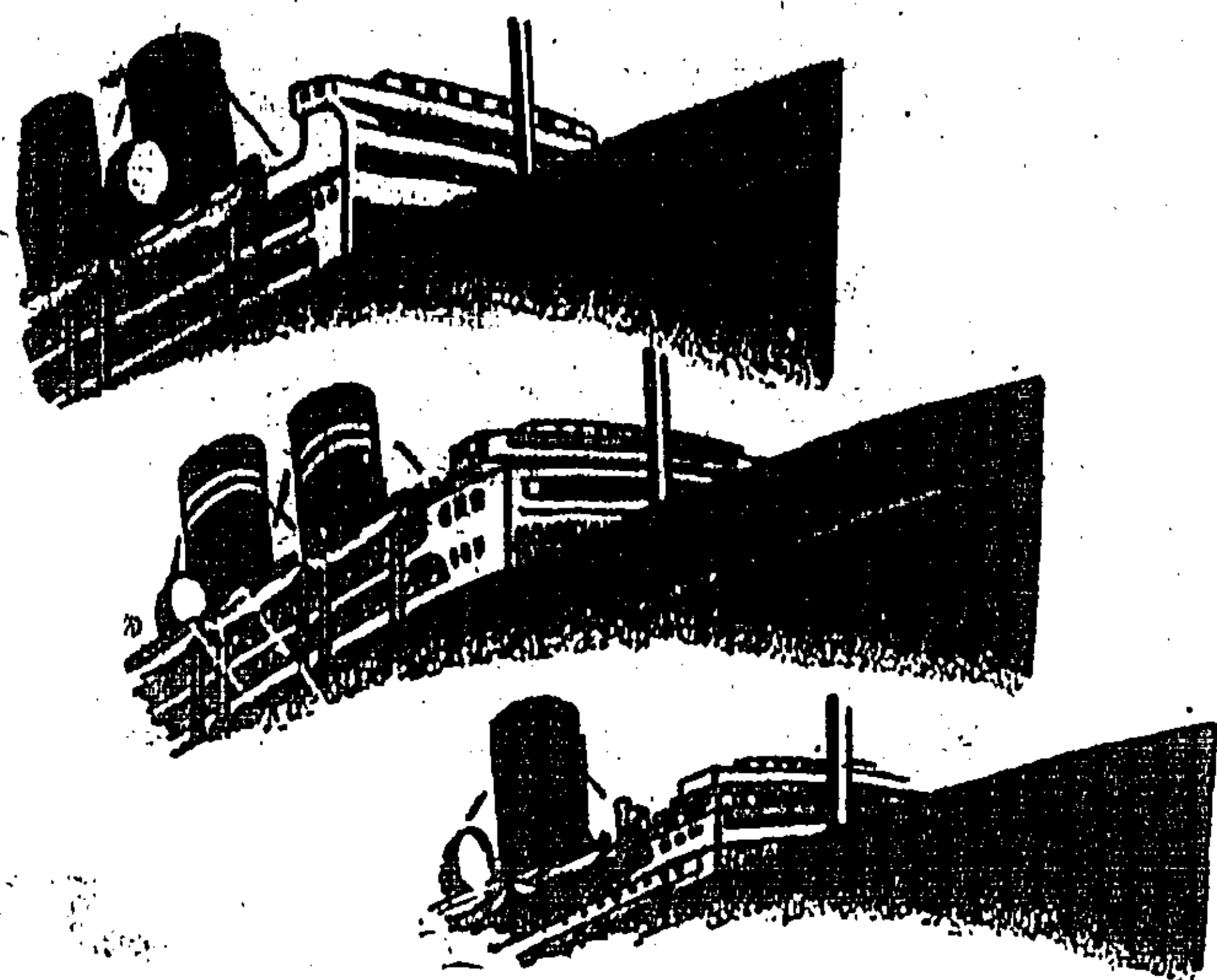
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Japan and Shanghai	October 6.
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Japan	October 6.
Shanghai	October 6.
Manila	October 6.
Shanghai	October 6.
Canton	October 7.
Haiphong	October 7.
Haiphong	October 7.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	October 7.
Japan	October 7.
Shanghai	October 7.
Straits and Manila	October 7.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	October 8.
Japan	October 8.
Shanghai and Amoy	October 8.
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Shanghai	October 8.
Palembang	October 8.
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Shanghai	October 9.
Shanghai	October 10.
Manila	October 11.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
THURSDAY		
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	Ord.,	Oct. 5, 7.00 p.m.
Bangkok		Oct. 5, 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard		Oct. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Saigon, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar.		Oct. 5, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 27th October.	K.P.O. Reg.,	Oct. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 5, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. Reg.,	Oct. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 5, 7.00 p.m.
FRIDAY		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 2nd November.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg.,	Oct. 6, 12.45 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 6, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 12th October.	K.P.O. Reg.,	Oct. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 5, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O. Reg.,	Oct. 5, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Oct. 5, 7.30 a.m.
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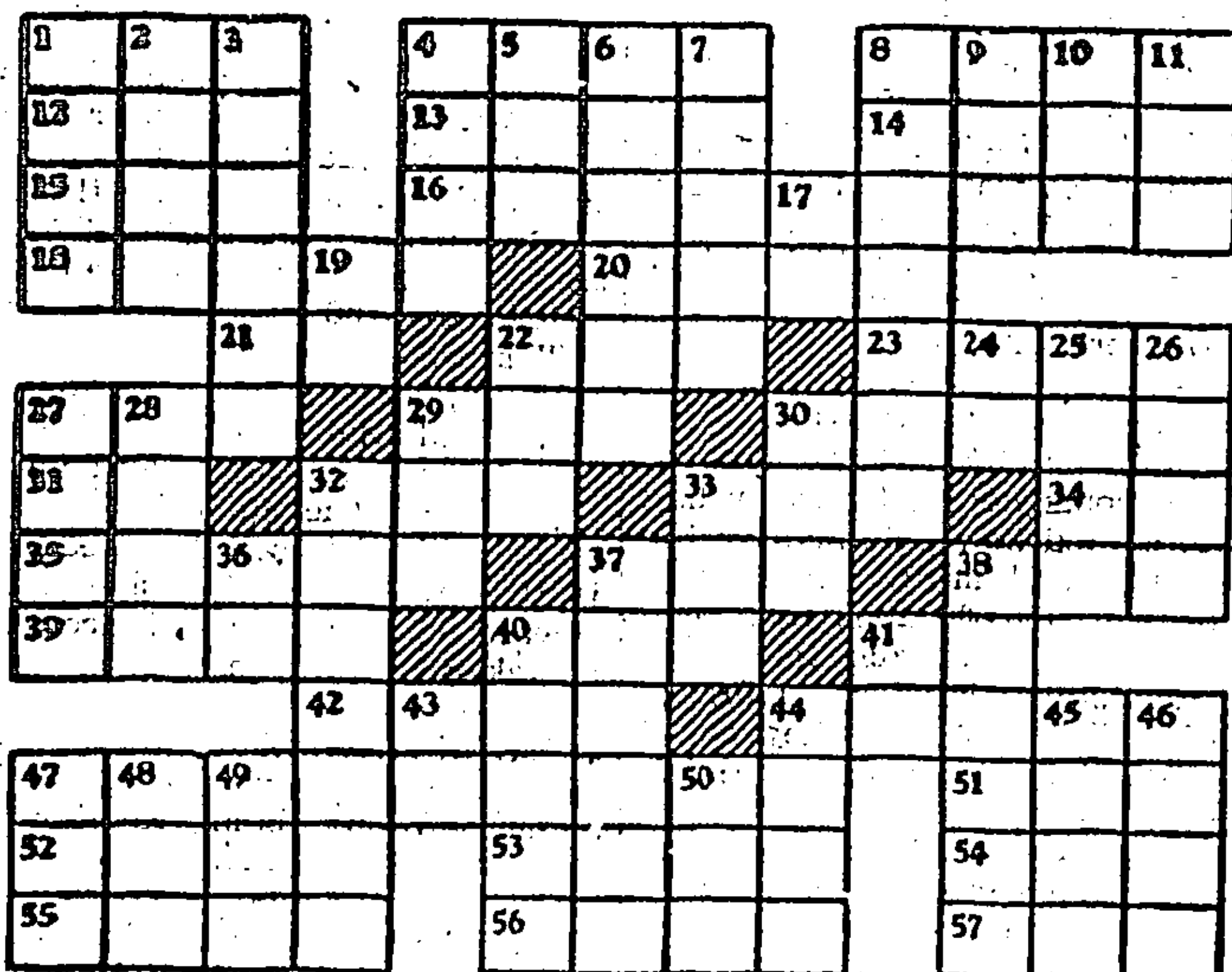
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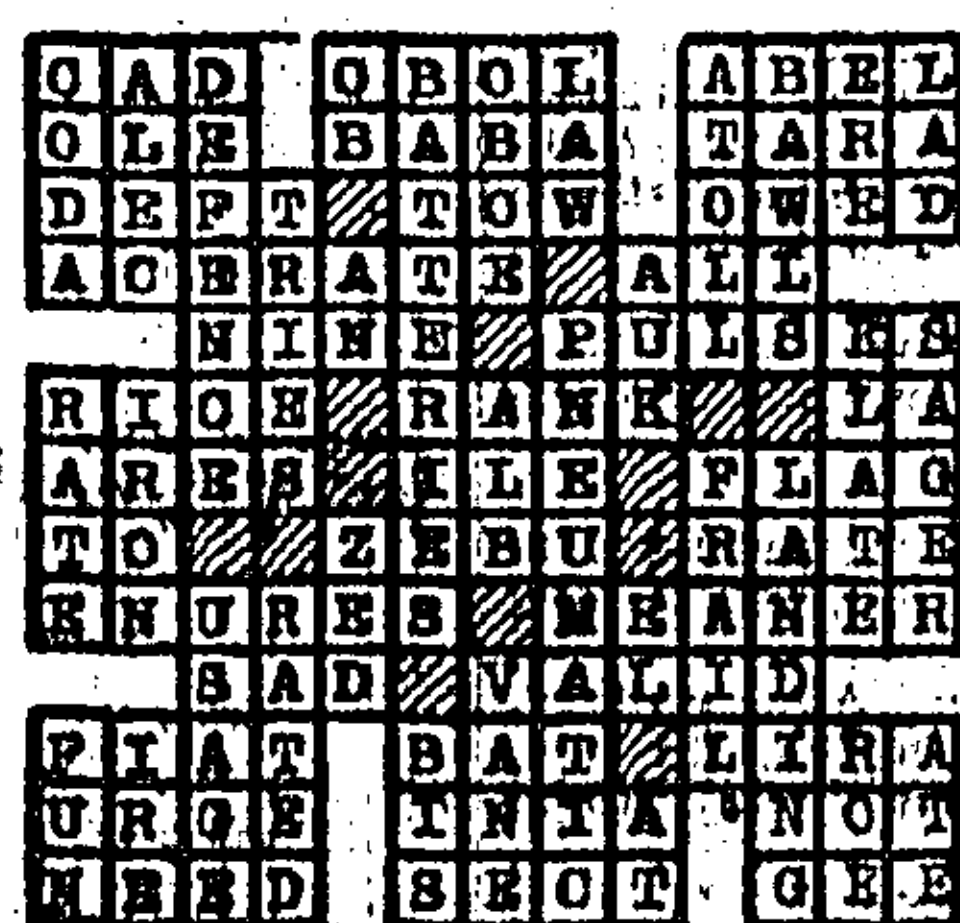
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To jump
- 4 Edges
- 8 Engage in game
- 12 Arabian garment
- 13 Mine-entrance
- 14 Tardy
- 15 By means of
- 16 Softens
- 18 Sweet, thick liquid
- 20 Insect
- 21 A mouth
- 22 To fondle
- 23 Jutting rocks
- 27 Likely
- 29 Small bed
- 30 Indian queen
- 31 Therefore
- 32 A fox
- 33 Pronoun
- 34 Greek letter
- 35 Primp
- 37 To tire
- 38 Part of body
- 39 Heavenly body
- 40 To mend
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Small particle

VERTICAL

- 1 Chances
- 2 To submit to
- 3 Bld
- 4 A sloping way
- 5 Artificial language
- 6 Dwarf
- 7 Unusual feat
- 8 Large pale snakes
- 9 Latvian coin
- 10 Consumed
- 11 Affirmative
- 17 Musical note
- 19 Pronoun
- 22 Seed container
- 24 King of Bashan
- 25 Old alphabetical sign
- 26 Self satisfied
- 27 Poisonous snakes
- 28 Kind of wine
- 29 To study
- 30 Petition
- 32 Destructive insect
- 33 Command to horse
- 36 Each (abbr.)
- 37 Weak
- 38 Esculent vegetable
- 40 To discolour
- 41 Greek letter
- 43 That thing
- 44 Oceans
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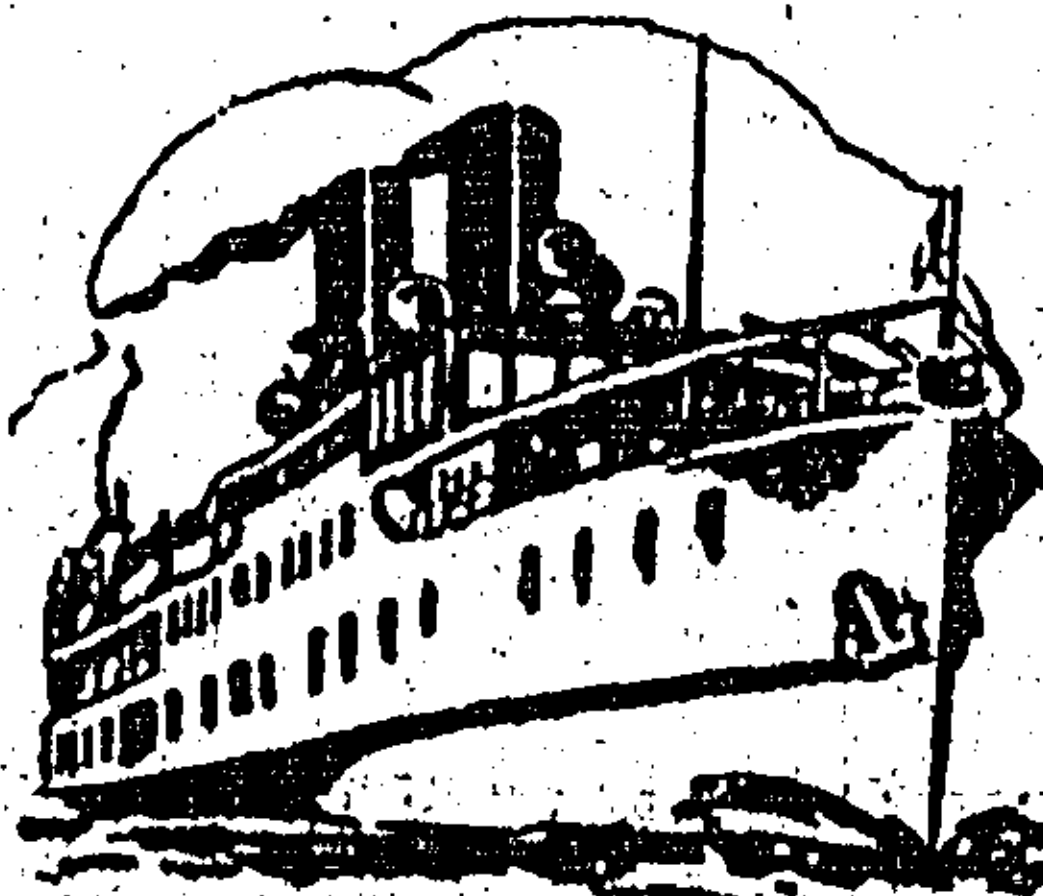
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SOVIET OPENS OIL WELLS

Moscow, Sept. 27.
No less than 140 oilwells in the newly-occupied Polish Ukraine already were being worked and again were producing oil, it was learned here to-day. M. Khroushch, Secretary of the Ukrainian Communist Party, visited the Borislav and Drohobysk oil fields yesterday.—Havas.

MORE PETTY THEFTS

Cheung Kwok-leung, cashier of Calbeck, Macgregor's, has reported that while travelling in a tramcar between the Sincere Company and Ice House Street, \$369 was stolen from his pocket yesterday afternoon.

Rev. Dean Wilson, of No. 549, The Peak, has reported that a revolver, a Kodak Camera, a travelling clock, and a gold finger ring, were stolen from the house some time last night.

Mrs. Richardson, residing at No. 4, Empress Lodge, has reported that silverware to the value of \$100 was stolen from her residence yesterday.

BRITISH POLICY ON NEUTRAL TRADING

London, To-day.

IN A BROADCAST yesterday, the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Ronald Cross, said: "Neutral countries are naturally anxious to see that their interests and needs are recognised. I need hardly tell you that we fully appreciate this.

As soon as war broke out we declared we were anxious to take account of the legitimate trading requirements of neutral countries, and we informed neutral governments that we would gladly consider any suggestions they might care to make.

Britain seeks to maintain her own exports at the highest possible level, and from the very beginning we have done, and are doing, all in our power to ensure a continuance of the friendliest trading relations with neutral states to our mutual benefit.

Naturally we do not desire to prevent neutrals from importing foodstuffs and other goods and materials for their own people.

MINIMUM OF TROUBLE
Nor do we wish to cause more than the inevitable minimum of inconvenience to neutral shipping at our control bases.

Already we have opened talks with several neutral governments, and a number of missions have come over from neutral countries to carry on discussions with us.

These discussions are taking place in a very friendly atmosphere and we hope in certain cases to be able to come to arrangements which will still further simplify the procedure of the contraband control.

In the meantime, Germany has been flooding neutral countries with a mixed stream of assurances, protests and threats.

THREATS INTO ACTION
Latterly she has begun to translate these threats into action, and nearly every day brings news of a fresh sinking by German submarines of neutral shipping under circumstances contrary to international law."

Earlier in his address, Mr. Cross explained that the object of the efforts which gave the name to his department was to strike at Germany's armament production to such an extent as to cripple the power of her army to carry on the war.

Ability to do this was based on the Royal Navy's command of the seas, and the right to do it derived from "those belligerent rights which international law entitles us as a combatant to exercise."

DRAINING STOCKS
To September 30, 289,000 tons of contraband consigned to Germany had been intercepted and detained by the Royal Navy, and in the first three weeks of war 100,000 tons had been intercepted by the French Navy.

The Economic Warfare Minister warned his listeners that they could not be expected to produce quick results.

For one thing, Germany had accumulated considerable stocks of material before the war.

"But what we have done is to cut her off from the day when war broke out from many of her sources of supply, and with every day that passes her stocks are being drained and she is finding it increasingly difficult to replace them." — British Wireless.

ARMY AQUATIC HEATS

The second day of the Inter-unit Army swimming Championship was held at Victorian Recreation Club yesterday afternoon, where the 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery won the Plunging event, in a distance of 160 feet eight inches and a half.

The results as follows:—
300 yards Free-style Relay. 1st heat: 1. Royal Signal; 2. "C" Company Middlesex.

Time: 3 min. 10 1/2 secs.
2nd Heat:—1. 9th A.A. Royal Artillery; 2. Head Quarters, Royal Scots; 3. 24th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery.
Plunging. (Final):—1. 5th A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery; 2. Small Unit; 3. 5th A.A. Royal Artillery; 4. Middlesex; 5. Royal Scots.

Distance: 160 feet 8 inches.
300 yards Free-style Relay (Final):—1. Second Battalion, Royal Scots; 2. Small Unit; 3. Middlesex.
Time: 3 min. 12 secs.

POLISH AIRMAN ESCAPES

Bucharest, Sept. 26.
Making a desperate break for freedom, a Polish airman to-day overcame a pursuing Rumanian soldier and, with two other Poles aboard, took off in a light bomber from the Bucharest airfield. The direction he took was not known.—Havas.

STERLING'S ADVANCE IN NEW YORK

New York, To-day.

Sterling advanced on the New York foreign exchange market yesterday due to expanded commercial demand, as well as on a rumour that an armistice is near in Europe.

Meanwhile, informed quarters point out that under the British Treasury wartime restrictions, the Bank of England is controlling all dollars and other foreign currencies arising from British exports, at the same time controlling all British payments overseas.

Thus it is supposed that the supply of unofficial Sterling would be quickly diminished, which would allow the Bank of England to obtain eventually what might be called a corner upon the supply of Sterling.

Dealers now look to the market to stabilise around present levels, barring an early peace or revision of the British exchange control limits.

Meanwhile, some quarters predict that the Canadian dollar will soon break away from the present discount of 10 per cent., which is viewed as abnormally low. — Reuter.

N.T. CATTLE CASE

In the Summary Court this morning, Mr. Justice J.A. Fraser continued hearing of the case in which Tang For and Cheung wan, cattle dealers, are suing Man Chi-ling and Ng Wan-sing for the return of 14 head of cattle, valued at \$700.

This morning, Mr. Hing Shing-Lo gave expert evidence on Chinese law and stated that if competent authority seized goods in China, and was entitled to sell, the authority would also be authorised to sell the goods quickly if they were of a perishable nature. Regard of the circumstances had to be taken in each case.

In Chinese law, a bona fide purchaser of stolen goods was not obliged to return the goods to the rightful owner without being re-imbursed to the amount he paid.

Owners of seized goods could claim from the Police for the return or value of seized goods if they wished; under certain circumstances.

The case is continuing.

JUMP ON A BUS

A 17-year-old student, Cheung Siuna, of Sai Yeung Choi Street, failed to appear before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning to contest a charge of jumping on to a moving bus at the junction of Nathan Road and Boundary Street yesterday. His bail, \$10, was estreated.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

MARIE ANTOINETTE'S
DIAMOND NECKLACE

BY VINCENT TOWNE

THE Cardinal de Rohan, Grand Almoner of France, lived in morbid dread of Queen Marie Antoinette's disfavour. His troubles had begun when that hapless Queen mercilessly snubbed him at court and he was willing to pay any price for restoration to her favour. His plight was one which naturally opened up a fertile field for blackmailers and that class of adventurers, who take advantage of persons in trouble.

Cagliostro, the celebrated magician, in return for a substantial fee, assured the Cardinal that he had used his mystic powers to regain the Queen's good will. Another agent employed by de Rohan to obtain her Majesty's forgiveness was the Countess de la Motte, a cousin of the King. Coming to him with the claim that she could effect a reconciliation, the Countess had obtained various sums of money from him for that purpose.

The former King, the dissolute Louis XV., had ordered for his mistress, the Countess Du Barry, a diamond necklace valued at a third of a million dollars, but had died before it had been finished by the jewellers. It had changed hands several times and fell into the possession of a Paris firm of jewellers, who about the time of the Cardinal's employment of the Countess de la Motte were attempting to sell it to the Queen. But Marie Antoinette rejected it, stating that it was ugly and not to her taste. While the jewellers were nursing their disappointment the Countess de la Motte entered their establishment and informed them that Marie Antoinette in reality wanted the diamond necklace very badly and hesitated to take it openly because she feared that the purchase would further embitter the common people, who were already railing against her extravagance.

The Countess, according to her own story, had been appointed as the Queen's secret agent to negotiate the purchase and, leaving the jeweller's shop, she went straight-way to Cardinal de Rohan, telling him the same story and assuring him that his favour with the Queen would surely be restored if he would covertly arrange to order the necklace for her, it being agreed that Marie Antoinette should remit for it in four quarterly payments. The Cardinal jumped at the opportunity and in his presence the jewellers delivered the necklace to the Countess, who turned it over to a man who, the Cardinal was given to understand, was a secret messenger from the Queen.

The Cardinal was soon afterward shown by the Countess a number of letters alleged to be from the Queen and greatly complimenting him. Shortly afterward the Countess delighted him greatly by stating that the Queen desired to meet him secretly in a grove on a certain night. The Cardinal proceeded to the place mentioned and there met a heavily cloaked figure, who presented him with a rose and whispered:



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But in spite of all this evidence that the Countess had in truth brought for him the Queen's favour with the generous funds that he had given to her, de Rohan's troubles now began to multiply. He anxiously awaited the Queen's appearance, wearing the necklace, but noted with alarm that she never adorned herself with it. Nor did she relax from her cold demeanor toward him at court; nor were his fortunes advanced in any way. Worst of all, the promised quarterly remittances for the diamond necklace were not forthcoming from her Majesty. Entering the palace chapel one morning clothed in his full regalia and prepared to say High Mass, Rohan was apprehended by the King. It appeared that the jewellers, tired of waiting for their money, had commenced to dun the Queen directly, and that she had referred the bill to the King, protesting her ignorance of the charge. The Cardinal made a clean breast of the whole matter to the King, and Marie Antoinette, hearing the confession, flew into a rage, branding the Cardinal as a scoundrel. Poor de Rohan, realising that he had been duped by some one, offered to pay for the necklace out of his own pocket, but the Queen demanded his arrest, and the King signed the warrant.

His trial before Parliament lasted for nine months and stirred all France. The revelations of court intrigue and extravagance which it brought forth hastened the Reign of Terror. Those who heard the evidence could never agree as to whether the Countess de la Motte was really the Queen's secret agent or merely an impostor; whether the letters complimenting de Rohan were really from the Queen or skillful forgeries; whether the man to whom the diamond necklace was given was acting for the Countess or the Queen, and whether it was Marie Antoinette or some one impersonating her who received the Cardinal in the grove at night.

According to the Queen's witnesses she was impersonated in the grove by a certain Mlle. d'Oliva.

The trial ended in the acquittal of de Rohan and the public whipping of the Countess de la Motte, who was also branded and sent to prison for a brief term, but the fact that she was allowed unusual luxuries in prison and that d'Oliva was allowed to go scot free caused many to think that these two women were scapegoats.

The truth as to the diamond necklace will ever remain one of the unfathomable riddles of the court of France.

The feature film 'Marie Antoinette' in which Norma Shearer starred with Tyrone Power touched on this incident with whose historical facts it took

the usual liberties that Hollywood claims to be needed for dramatic effect.

COST OF
EVACUATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE INITIAL COST OF THE EVACUATION SCHEME IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES WOULD BE ABOUT £2,000,000. THE WEEKLY EXPENDITURE ON BILLETING WAS ABOUT £450,000.

The Minister of Transport said that regular cheap tickets would be restored next week on the main railway lines. Relaxation of the railway lighting restrictions was under consideration.—Reuter.

I.P.R.
DELEGATES

Chungking, To-day.

Seven Chinese delegates to the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations are soon leaving for Canada, where the Conference will be held at Victoria, B.C.

They are Mr. Kan Chieh-hou, former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. P. C. Chen, of the Central Bank of China, Dr. S. R. Chow, of the National Wuhan University, Mr. Chien Sheng-jui, of the National University of Peiping, Dr. Wen Yuan-ning, editor-in-chief of the "Tien Hsia Monthly," Mr. Tai Po-liu and Mr. Liu Yu-wan.

Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to the Soviet Union, who will head the Chinese delegation, has already left for Canada.

Chinese delegates now in America include Dr. Lin Yu-tang, author of "My Country and My People," Dr. P. C. Chang, of Nankai University, Mr. Li Kuo-chin, of the Hua Chang Trading Company, and Chi Chao-ting, assistant editor of the "Americasia" magazine.—Central News.

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Mascotte.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and
Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Compositions of Sir Edward
Elgar.
Froissart Overture, Op. 19.... Lon-
don Philharmonic Orchestra cond.
by the Composer.
La Capricieuse.... Huberman (Vio-
lin).
Pomp & Circumstance March No. 5
London Symphony Orchestra.
Salut D'Amour.... Marek Weber's
Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music.

Quickstep—Something tells me;
Slow Foxtrot—Moonlight and
Roses.... Henry Jacques & his
Orchestra.
Tangos—Sierra Chica; Tango Mio
Juan Llossas and His Orch.
Quickstep—Avalon; Slow Foxtrot—
Ain't Misbehavin'.... Joe Daniels
& his Hotshots.

Tangos—Tango Appassionado; Gran-
ada.... Juan Llossas and his Orch.
Foxtrots—I hadn't anyone till You;
It's D'Lovely.... Geraldo and his
Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—News Sup-
plement.

7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-
tions.

7.02 p.m.—Stravinsky Suite — "Pe-
trushka" played by the London
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7.36 p.m.—Challapine (Bass).
Midnight Review (Glinka).
The Two Grenadiers (Schumann).

7.45 p.m.—Sorokin Russian Choir.

Gipsy Caravan (Traditional).
Russian Medley of Folk Songs (arr.
Sorokin).

7.51 p.m.—Orchestral Music.

Moussorgsky — "Knowantchina" —
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phony Orchestra under Albert
Coates.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—STUDIO — "All-In" Bee.
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8.30 p.m.—Military Band Music.

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8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk on "Lawrence
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9.15 p.m.—London—The News.

9.30 p.m.—Studio—"Portugal Reborn".
A short talk on the 29th anniversary
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9.45 p.m.—Gertrude Lawrence, Noel
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"To-night at 8.30"—

1. Scene from Red Peppers.
2. Scene from Shadow Play.
3. Scene from Family Album.

10.10 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

Foxtrots—Until To-morrow; Crying
my Heart out for You.... Casani
Club Orchestra.

Waltzes—Sweet Mary Rose; Say that
You will not Forget.... Bernhard
Ette and his Orchestra.

Foxtrots—Poor Dinah; Sugar Rose
Teddy Foster & his Kings of
Swing.

Waltzes—Dorfkinder (from Gipsy
Princess); The Last Drops (Kratzl)
Orchestre Mascotte.

Rumbas—Creole Lady Two Hearts
in Cuba.... Ambrose and His Or-
chestra.

Foxtrots—So Do I; One, Two, But-
ton your Shoe.... Jimmy Dorsey
& his Orchestra.

Waltzes—Brigitte Cuckoo.... Dajos
Bela and his Orchestra.

11 p.m.—Close down.



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DECEIVING DECLARER

Robert McPherran, who played as
the fifth member of our team at As-
bury Park, N.J., is a young player of
great promise. Witness his defence of
the hands in our first-round match:

South, Dealer

♠ Q 9 7
♥ A K 9 7
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ 8 7

Mr. McPherran

♠ K 4
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ 10 9 3
♣ K Q J 4

Mr. Lightner

♠ A 6 5
♥ J 4 2
♦ Q 5
♣ 9 6 5 3 2

♠ J 10 8 3 2
♥ 10 8
♦ A K 6 4
♣ A 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

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The bidding of the hand is not what
we would particularly recommend,
although the final contract is a normal
one. Mr. McPherran
opened the King of
clubs. Declarer won
with the Ace and led
a low spade. Mr.
McPherran went up
with the King, cashed
his Queen of clubs,
and now said to him-
self: "It looks as if
Declarer has four dia-
monds to the Ace-King or Ace-Queen.
If he plays the hand normally, he will
lose no tricks in that suit. Maybe I
can give him something to think
about."

Accordingly he led the nine of dia-
monds, and South did have a prob-
lem. Finally, he decided that Mr.
McPherran's lead was either the top

of nothing or a singleton, and accord-
ingly played the Jack of diamonds
from dummy. Mr. Lightner's Queen
now forced Declarer's Ace. South led
a spade. Mr. Lightner won with the
Ace and played the five of diamonds.
Declarer finessed, McPherran won with
the ten and returned a diamond, which
his partner ruffed. Hence, instead of
being made, the hand was set two
tricks.

* * *

David Bruce Burnstone was your
partner Saturday and you held:

♠ K J x x
♥ A 10 x
♦ K Q x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	You	Schen- ken
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid four notrump. This
is a Slam invitation, but partner is in
no sense forced to bid again. However,
he will continue if he is able to visu-
alize a Slam.

Score 100% for four notrump, 50%
for five notrump (an overbid), 20%
for three notrump (an underbid).

QUESTION NO. 228
You are Oswald Jacoby's partner
today and hold:

♠ J 9 8 6 3
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 8 6 2
♣

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Maier	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

What do you lead? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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Racing Prospects For Saturday

The success which greeted the resumption of racing on September 23rd last should attract a large crowd of racing fans to the Valley, when Hong Kong Jockey Club hold their Eighth Extra Race Meeting, the first day of which will be held on Saturday, and the second next Tuesday.

The Meeting on Saturday will witness the debut of yet another Northern Jockey in Mr. S. L. Sung, who is at present in Hong Kong and who will probably help out Mr. A. W. Raymond with some of his mounts.

The day's programme opens with the principal event, the October Handicap for China ponies over 1 1/4 miles.

Confusion Bay, carrying top weight of 168 lbs. and ridden by Mr. Black, won the Whitsun Plate over the same distance at the 5th Extra Meeting, beating Moonlight View and Bear Claw. It will be carrying the same weight on Saturday, and, against practically the same opposition, I believe that it has a good chance of scoring another win. There is, however, Eve of Harvest (Mr. Hearne), to be reckoned with, as it will be carrying 151 lbs. on Saturday against 168 lbs., when it won the St. George's Plate at the 3rd Extra Meeting.

Happy Eve, 1937 Derby winner and from the same stable, has been entered, but I doubt whether its owner will consider it prudent to send it out for this gruelling race after such a long absence from racing.

King's Warden (Mr. Needa) should fill third place in the absence of Bear Claw, which I believe will be sent out on Tuesday, in the Double Tenth Plate.

JORDAN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)—ONE MILE

First section of "D" Class China ponies will contest this event, in which Sunlight View, winner of the Junk Bay Handicap over six furlongs at the last Meeting, has been given top weight of 168 lbs., and for this reason alone I think its chances of winning again are rather remote.

Among the other entries, and judging by past results, I look to Strathbannock (Mr. Black) to win. If it fails, however, keep an eye on Gold Coin (Mr. Liang), which was recently third to Sunlight View, to fill first place. Sylvandale (Mr. Hearne) and Royal Highness (Mr. Encarnacao) will also bear watching.

CANBERRA HANDICAP—ONE MILE

Only seven ponies have been entered for this event, confined to Australian Subscription ponies of any season, and an interesting struggle should ensue between Courting Eve (Mr. Ph), Lancashire Chips (Mr. Tang) and Lucky Lad (Mr. Needa).

After its convincing win in the Bondi Handicap at the 5th Extra Meeting, it is only natural to expect that Courting Eve will be made firm favourite, and it should not disappoint. There is, of course, just a possibility that Lucky Lad may cause an upset, provided it does not remain too far back.

Lancashire Chips, which accounted for Lucky Lad in the Albany Handicap, is not looking as fit as it used to, and the best it can hope for in this race is third place. I nominate Courting Eve to win, with Lucky Lad second and Lancashire Chips third.

AUSTIN HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)—SIX FURLONGS

This race is for China ponies, "C" Class, first section, and for its win in the Island Bay Handicap over the mile last Meeting Rose Evelyn has been penalised 7 lbs. If it is again taken out by Mr. Encarnacao it has a chance of repeating its previous success, but there is no doubt that it will meet with serious opposition.

Galveston Bay (Mr. Black), which has its weight up by 2 lbs., for coming in second in this same race, should do much better on Saturday, as the distance is only six furlongs and, if it does not avenge its last defeat, it will at least give Rose Evelyn a great fight.

Pinfarthings (Mr. Raymond) is still carrying 168 lbs., and in view of its last performance, coupled with the shorter distance, it should also have a big say here, provided Mr. Raymond does not allow the pony to run away at a fast pace during the first half mile. The finish should again be fought out between these three ponies.

JORDAN HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)—ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," which will be decided by second section "D" Class China ponies, and it is certainly

no easy task to pick out the winner, which will probably be one of the following:

Gog (Mr. Needa),
Phoenix (Mr. Liang),
Some Hope (Mr. Encarnacao),
Wilber (Mr. Raymond).

Gog, although unplaced at the last Meeting in the Clear Water Bay Handicap, will probably find the mile more to its liking on Saturday, and has a good chance of winning, but it will be seriously challenged by Phoenix, with which it dead-heated for first position in the Nanling Handicap before the Summer interval. Wilber is a fast mover, and can be depended on to make a fight of it. Some Hope came in third in the Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate at the last Meeting, and although it has been penalised 5 lbs., this will not hinder its chances very much. Somehow, I have a feeling that Some Hope can win. I expect the finish to be fought out by the above ponies with my preference going to Some Hope.

CARNARVON HANDICAP—ONE MILE

China ponies, subscription griffins of this season that have not won more than \$650.00, will contest this event for Novice Jockeys, and punters will not have to look far for the winner.

Mr. K. I. Ip has only to win one more race to graduate from the Novice class, and as he has been given the mount on West Lake on Saturday, his chances of graduation are rosy. This pony dead-heated with Kut Cheung for second place in the Clear Water Bay Handicap at the last Meeting.

Ascot Vale (Mr. Payne), which was fourth in this race, has had its weight reduced by 7 lbs. and as the distance is longer it should be well up at the finish. There is also Matador (Mr. Chiu) to be considered, as this pony, which placed only once during the first half of the season, is coming along nicely in its morning training and it will not surprise me at all if this pony should create an upset in this race. Taking everything into consideration, however, I nominate West Lake to win, with Ascot Vale and Matador fighting it out for second place.

AUSTIN HANDICAP—SIX FURLONGS

The result of the second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on this race, which will be confined to second section "C" Class China ponies.

Lovely Star, Scenic View (Mr. Ph) and Soldier of China (Mr. Tang) have been allotted top weight of 168 lbs., and they can be ruled out accordingly.

Although Blue Diamond (Mr. Raymond) only just managed to beat Taxing Master (Mr. Tao) at the last Meeting, over a mile, I still believe that on Saturday it will again win, in view of the shorter distance. If Mr. Tao can get Taxing Master away to a flying start it may avenge its defeat, otherwise I cannot see it winning as the distance is too short for its liking.

The shorter distance also favours Forgotten Star, but I cannot see it doing better than take third place. As an outsider, I recommend Bistre (Mr. Chanson), which is carrying 140 lbs.

KATOOMBA HANDICAP—SIX FURLONGS

This race will wind up the first day's programme, in which "C" Class Australian ponies will participate.

After its brilliant win at the last Meeting Stratherrick has been penalised 14 lbs., i.e. 155 lbs., and as it is in great form at the moment it is just possible that it may yet score another win if again taken out by Mr. Ph. On the other hand, however, it must be recalled that A Great Time led all the way in this race and was only overhauled by Stratherrick near the two mile post, and as the distance is only six furlongs on Saturday it may redeem itself. In fact, I think it will just about win.

Bredon (Mr. Proulx) is another possible choice as the pony is very fast over sprint events, but I am afraid that the distance may be just a bit too long.

Violet Queen did quite well to come fourth recently and should Mr. Raymond decide to take it out on Saturday, it should not be

COURTNEY'S UNFORTUNATE MISHAP

Sporting circles will regret to learn that the driver of the military lorry involved in the fatal crash along Taipo Road on Monday evening was B. Courtney, the Colony soccer Interporter.

As the result of the accident, Courtney has lost an eye, it is understood.

PROMISING CLUB RUGBY TALENT

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

HONG KONG Football Club held their first Rugby trial of the season yesterday and, judging from the talent on view, there should not be much difficulty in fielding a side as good as that which did service last season. Godfrey is likely to prove a very valuable wing forward—he was a little too impetuous yesterday, being caught offside once or twice—and Bursey, another newcomer, gave promise of being a useful understudy to Cessford at fly-half or a centre three-quarter. Thornhill appeared to use his weight in the scrum, but Club expect more than weight and he will need to brush up his play in the loose. Eager and Moore, two other newcomers, were not available yesterday, and it will be interesting to see how they fare next Wednesday.

Carruthers ran hard when in possession, but he is not particularly fast off the mark, while his left-foot kicking needs more practice. Rutherford did well at scrum-half, his service being faster, though not quite as accurate, than Hutchison's. He should improve greatly this season, and more will be heard of him when the international series is played. Cessford was in excellent form for this early stage of the season and there can be little doubt that he will fill the fly-half position. He was taking some very low passes yesterday, and he clearly knows what to do with the ball when in possession. Thompson did little wrong, though he was not fully extended, and he appears to be the natural successor to McGrath at full-back. Deane showed enterprise at forward, but his valuable aggressiveness in the loose was counterbalanced by lethargic work in the tight scrums. It is a pity that he does not pull his weight in the tight as he has the makings of a good forward.

One casualty marked the trial, which was played at a very fast pace, Sal-

ignored as this pony is capable of creating an upset here. However, I still maintain that A Great Time is good enough to win this race.

GOLDEN SETS RECORD

(By "STRIKE")

In spite of a great last-minute effort by Dick Venezia, Sam Golden managed to retain the highest ten pin score for the month of September and, by so doing, has his name inscribed on the Alley record-board and the Watson Shield, besides receiving a replica of the latter trophy, also engraved.

Venezia made his big bid on September 28 when he tallied 233. He had extremely bad luck in getting two awkward splits during the game and there is little doubt that had he made another strike in the right place he would have beaten Golden's score.

Scoring for the month of September was of a very high standard as Chas. Miller, early in September, scored 234 which Jackie Odell bettered a few days later with 243. Golden made his record score—248—on September 25.

Leading scores for the month were: Spenko (223), Moore (213), Miller (234), Cocks (225), A. Odell (221), J. Odell (221), Watts (221), Sheehan (212), Balaski (220), Molthen (231), Tidd (227), Venezia (234) and Davis (231).

I believe that a higher standard was revealed in September than during any other month in the history of the Alleys and, as the scores above-mentioned indicate, the standard of ten-pins is improving rapidly which is a healthy sign having regard to the fact that most of the players now indulging in this pastime, were initiated into it in Hong Kong.

"EWO" LEAGUE THIS MONTH

This month sees the start of the very popular "Ewo" League. It will be the fourth tourney and, judging by the entries, should be most interesting and keenly-contested.

Among the better-known teams which will again be seen in action are: "The Camps," "Aspirants," "Black Dog," "Bowlers," "Strollers," "Flickers," and "Pokfulum's Pride."

Newcomers will be the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, the P.W.D. and the B.A.T. and I feel sure that these teams will give good accounts of themselves.

In the course of the next few days, the singles handicap for men will be starting and all enthusiasts are looking forward with great keenness to some stirring struggles between those old stalwarts, Dick Venezia, Joe Landolt, Doc. Molthen, Chas. Miller to say nothing of others not quite so well-known such as Watt, Fawcett and Duddridge but to mention a few.

HANDSOME TROPHY

Special incentive for this tournament will be a silver-encased ten-pin ball on which will be engraved the winner of each tournament, while the winner will also receive a replica of the ball with his name and score engraved thereon.

Another innovation which will be introduced shortly is the 200's Club which will be open to those men who have, since August 1, topped the 200 mark. To signify membership to this august company, a silver button, suitably engraved, will enable the wearer to be dubbed in the future a "Knight of the Maple Ways."

Before qualifying, however, candidates will have to be "initiated." In due course all those eligible for membership will be notified to attend. For their guidance I give a little advice entirely gratis: "Bring along a tin hat!"

It has also been decided to commence a singles handicap competition confined to the Army and intending competitors are invited to apply to the Alleys for a score card. Handicapping will be adjudged on a given number of cards handed in. Date of commencement of this event will be announced shortly in these columns.

HONOURS LIST FOR SEPTEMBER.

Ten-Pins:—Sam Golden 240 (men); Mrs. A. Horton 198 (ladies).

Duck-Pins:—R. H. Pirard 131 (men); Mrs. Van Fleckle 93 (ladies).

"General" Paul Chessex returned from leave recently and as he is something of a "professor" at duck-pins, it will not be long, I anticipate, before his name will be before the public eye in connection with this game. It is expected that in the very near future games between M.T.B.'s and other teams will be fixed up as the sailors are showing extreme keenness and are improving rapidly.

ter pulling a muscle and being forced to come off the field twice.

Players were not particularly fit—Needham, who has been out of Rugger for a season, being an example—and it will be interesting to note what the next trial will produce next Wednesday. For this game I would suggest that the sides be a little more evenly matched as yesterday's game was spoiled in this respect.

Army rugby trials will be held at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, October 10. Two games will be held, one at 3 p.m. and the second at 4 p.m.

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HONG KONG Hockey Club's first try-out of the season, at King's Park yesterday, must have provided little information to G. E. R. Divett, the captain. There were a number of newcomers playing, and in several instances they did very well, but, until the majority of those who took part get into some semblance of form physically, any effort to pick a side on displays on the field, is going to be most unsatisfactory.

Yesterday, nothing like the advertised teams lined up, and frankly, it was difficult to pick out individuals. Probably the best display given by a newcomer was Pennington's effort at full back.

I understand Pennington is from the R.A.F., and that being the case, I don't know what his position will be with regard to Club hockey. In any

SPORTS PARADE

event he gave evidence of being a really useful man. Quick with his tackling, intelligent with his clearing, he was easily the outstanding full-back on view.

K. A. Bidmead gave quite useful performance on the left wing, showing a fair turn of speed, while inside-left for Colours, proved very fast, tricky and revealed a good shot in front of goal.

STANDING head and shoulders above anyone else on view was the inimitable Willie Reed, at

centre-half for Whites. As wine improves with age, so does Reed. His form yesterday must rank with the best he has ever shown in the Colony. His stickwork, as ever, was uncanny and his constructional work a treat to watch.

I cannot say that very many of last year's Club team impressed very much. Divett worked hard, as he always does. In this category also come R. A. Bates and J. E. Potter; but if the amount of energy they expended approximated in the smallest degree to the effect of their

efforts, they would be candidates for any world Olympic team.

Sydney Fowler did not have a great deal to do but when in possession was dangerous. He showed all his old speed and aggression and gave promise of a better season than his last. Edgar Reed was sound and Norman Whitley efficient. I cannot place their performances higher than that.

There can be little doubt after yesterday regarding the custodian's berth. Benwell in all respects gave a faultless display, dealing with hard drives, slow tricky balls and flicks with equal facility.

Of other Club stalwarts of yesterday, Victor Bond did not appear too confident but H. J. D. Lowe showed that he has lost little of his old skill.

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By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
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Hong Kong, 4th. October, 1939.

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Hong Kong, 2nd. October, 1939.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	West of Kowloon Island Lot No. 4187	West of Kowloon Island Lot No. 4187, Anson Street, Shek Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 11,300	\$124	\$2,875
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NAZI LEADERS' INVESTMENTS OVERSEAS

London, To-day.
THE "AMERICAN JOURNAL" writes that it is with the greatest pleasure that the world learns that many of the Nazi leaders have taken it for granted that the day will come when they will have to leave Germany (this is in connection with the news that many of them have sent money abroad).

In the House of Lords yesterday afternoon, Lord Newton said that they knew well enough that the German Nazi leaders were men with considerable money and there were certain members of the House of Lords in a position to give evidence of the luxury in which they live.

PRISON COOLIE ACCUSED

A fine of \$50 or two months, was imposed on Leung Cheung, 27, office coolie, of Stanley Prison, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for stealing seven pounds of solder from the Government Store at Bullock Lane yesterday.

Defendant took the solder when there was no-one in the store. Det. Serg. J. Bentley prosecuted.

Three cases of cholera and five of typhoid were notified to the Medical Department yesterday. Four of the typhoid cases were in Kowloon.

Just before our former Ambassador to Berlin left, he was entertained by Goering with the vulgar ostentation that could be expected and was shown his art treasures—which were formerly in the Museum.

What had they done with their money? Lord Newton could conceive of no one investing it in Germany. It was the last place in the world to do that.

Dr. Goebbels was the only one to make any attempt to refute the charges—and he offered to give a part of it away if it could be proved.

That was not a denial; indeed, it fortified Lord Newton in his belief in the truth of these statements. — Reuter.

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Fighting was renewed this morning at Wangmoon. Several Japanese gunboats are in the Channel, having arrived from Canton last night. — Our Own Correspondent.

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